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MRS. WALSTON DEAD

Wife of Dr. R. L. Walston Passed Away This Morning at Her Home in This City.

WELL KNOWN DECATUR WOMAN

Who Had a Large Circle of Friends—She Had Been Ill for Several Weeks and Death was Expected.

From the Daily of Monday.

Mrs. Cynthia M. Walston, wife of Dr. R. L. Walston, died this morning at 9 o'clock at her residence No. 425 North Main street, aged 60 years. She had been ill for about three weeks and for several days past her condition was considered dangerous. Death was due to an attack of a malignant type of billious fever. Mrs Walston was ill for several weeks and nearly recovered but a little over a week ago she suffered another attack and since that time she was in a critical condition. For three or four days past the relatives and friends of Mrs. Walston have realized that there was very little hope for her recovery and her death was not unexpected. With the death of Mrs. Walston Decatur loses one of its brightest and most accomplished women.

Mrs Walston's maiden name was Cynthia Trogden She was born October 8, 1837, in Edgar county, Ill. She was reared in that county and in 1856 she was married to Attorney Charles Summers. Their married life lasted for two years when Mr. Summers was killed at Charleston, Ill. In the first year of her widowhood Mrs. Walston was appointed superintendent of the public schools at Paris, Ill., a position which she held with efficiency until 1865. On January 3 of that year she was married to Dr. R. L. Walston at Paris, Ill. Mrs. Walston came to Decatur with her husband in 1872 to reside and had lived in the city ever since.

The deceased is survived by her husband and four children. By her first marriage she had one son, A. T. Summers, of this city, and by her second marriage, three children, Mrs. Percival Chubb, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Dr E. B. Walston, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Miss Anna Walston, of Decatur. She also leaves a step; daughter, Mrs Dora Johnson, of Chicago. All of the children were in the city at the time of their mother's death.

Mrs. Walston was widely known in Decatur and vicinity and was held in high esteem and respect. In her home she was an exemplary wife and indulgent mother. She was a woman of great strength of character and strong personality, besides being the possessor of an unusual literary ability. Mrs. Walston on account of her superior intellect has always been prominent in literary movements. She was one of the members of the Art Class, one of the oldest organizations in the city, and was also one of the first members of the Woman's club. In the latter organization she was most closely associated with the Shakespeare division and has held the position of president of that body since it was formed. She was an advanced Shakespeare scholar and was unusually well informed on other lines of literary study. Besides possessing a wide store of knowledge Mrs. Walston was brilliant and original and her opinions and ideas on literary subjects were always accepted as authority.

Socially Mrs. Walston was a charming lady. She was a pleasant conversationalist and was a woman who everyone felt it a pleasure to meet. There are many persons in Decatur who are grieved over the death of Mrs. Walston.

The time of the funeral has not yet been arranged but will be announced later.

Death of Geo. E. Woollington

The death of George Edward Woollington, who fell from a scaffolding about three weeks ago, breaking his collar bone and sustaining other injuries, occurred at 8 o'clock this morning at his home, 469 East Bradford street. The direct cause of Mr Woollington's death was the fracture of the skull at the base of the brain and the injury to the spinal column, which he sustained by the fall but which did not develop until a few days after the accident. He grew daily more serious the accident finally resulting in death this morning.

Mr Woollington came to Decatur ten years ago from Monticello, and was one of the most successful and best known carpenters in the city. He was much respected for his straight business dealings and loyalty in his friendships. He was a brother of Ex-Sheriff Woollington of Piatt county, who is now clerk in the office of the Secretary of State. Mr. Woollington was 54 years of age and leaves a wife and two daughters, Miss Delia Woollington and Mrs Arthur Reynolds, both of this city. He was a member of the G.A.R., having served in Company A, 68th Ohio Volunteers. The time and place of the funeral services have not yet been decided upon but will be in charge of the G. A. R. The remains will be taken to Monticello on Wednesday morning for burial.

Death of Kenneth Miller.

W. H. Starr received a letter from Chicago this morning, stating that Kenneth Miller, aged 2 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Miller, had died in that city on Saturday. The child was a grandson of Mrs. Henry H. Stafford. The burial will be at Oakwood cemetery, Chicago, but later the body will be brought to Decatur for final interment.

Mortuary.

Died, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Kepple, 826 North Water street, Miss Marie Rollins, aged 30, years. She gave her heart to God at the early age of 14 years and lived a devoted christian life, and was ready when the summons came.

She has been a great sufferer for three years past from nervous prostration.

AT REST IN GREENWOOD.

"Thanatopsis" Read at the Funeral of the Late Mrs. C. M. Walston.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Cynthia M. Walston was held from the family residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The friends of Mrs. Walston gathered at her late at the hour named and listened to the reading of Bryant's beautiful poem "Thanatopsis," by Dr. H. C. Jones, which comprised the simple services which were held in accordance to the often expressed wishes of Mrs. Walston that there be no ostentation, no signs of mourning expressed and that the customary viewing of the remains should not be permitted. The casket which was covered with the many exquisite and beautiful blossoms sent by the friends of Mrs. Walston was not opened, and not even the most intimate friends of the family were permitted to see Mrs. Walston after her death. The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery. The pallbearers were John Ullrich, S. S. Jack, O. B. Gorin, G. R. Bacon, K. Harwood and W. R. Abbott.

The members of the Woman's club, of which Mrs. R. L. Walston was a prominent member, did not attend the burial services in a body as had been arranged, in deference to the wishes of the family that none but the most intimate friends be present at the services. A beautiful floral tribute was sent by the members of the Shakespeare class, of which Mrs. Walston was chairman, and for years a most beloved and valuable member.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Miss Anna Neiman, Formerly of This City, Died Suddenly This Morning at Paulding, Ohio.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Miss Anna Neiman, the 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Neiman, living at 645 North Water, was found dead in bed this morning at Paulding, Ohio, where she has been teaching school. The news was received by the parents by a telegram sent by Mrs. Neiman's brother, who lives at Paulding. Miss Neiman was a graduate of the high school class of '96. She left Decatur last August and has been teaching school in the country. Her parents are unable to account for her sudden death. They believe that it may have been due to heart disease, as the young lady had at times suffered attacks of heart trouble. The telegram did not give any particulars further than the mere statement of the death. D. Brinkinger, the undertaker, left for Paulding this afternoon, and will take charge of the remains and bring them to Decatur. The funeral will probably be held next Sunday.

FIGHTING THE MORMONS.

The Members of the Christian Endeavor Union Will Send Out Tracts.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Macon County Christian Endeavor Union it was decided that an effort should be made to stop the movement now on foot to start a Mormon church in this city. Six Mormon missionaries have been in the city with the view of establishing a church. They have been working among persons who are likely to be followers and the Endeavorers feel that it is their duty to curb the movement. J. L. Deck was appointed by the committee to distribute tracts about the city and prevent if possible the establishment of the Mormon church.

The Endeavor county union have appointed a committee to make arrangements for a missionary extension course.

The Country Churches.

The revival meetings which have been in session at the Mt Zion Methodist church have closed. Rev. A. M. Dandy will begin a series of meetings tonight at the Elwin church.

The Sunday school pupils of the Long Creek Methodist church are making arrangements to give a Christmas cantata. Concerts will be given Christmas eve at both the Elwin and Mt. Zion churches.

Dogs Did Good Work.

Bandure and Florey's blood hounds were at Springfield Monday and did some good work. The residence of C. W. Freeman was entered and some property stolen The blood hounds were called and put on the trail. They followed the trail through the city and stopped at a residence where it is supposed that the thieves resided. Mr. Freeman was well satisfied with the work of the dogs.

Played with Matches.

Mrs. Harvey Brockett, of Lincoln, upon returning last evening from a brief call, found her one year old baby boy laying on the floor, burned to a crisp. The mother left the boy in charge of a three year old sister. It is supposed that the child found some matches and in playing set fire to its clothing.

Eb. Hays, living north of the city, who has been suffering from appendicitis, is much improved.

ROBBERY AT NIANTIC

Six Jugs of Whisky Stolen from Hager and Dolan's Saloon This Morning.

GEORGE SANDERS UNDER ARREST

And Will be Tried This Afternoon—Blood Hounds Put on the Trail—Stolen Property Found in a Restaurant.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

There was a robbery at Niantic this morning which created considerable excitement in the little town notwithstanding the fact that the theft amounted to nothing more than six one-gallon jugs of whisky. The saloon of Hager and Doran was entered this morning about 3 o'clock and six jugs of whisky taken from the place, afterward found at the restaurant of John Smith. Later in the day George Sanders, a minor, was arrested as the thief and placed in the calaboose.

The discovery of the robbery was made by the saloonkeepers this morning when they opened their place of business. A window pane was taken out and through this the thief had entered. The proprietors at once secured W. R. Dingman's bloodhounds and put them on the trail.

The hounds took up a scent and followed it to the back door of Smith's restaurant. In the meantime, however, Smith had reported to the saloon men that their six jugs of whisky were at his restaurant He said that George Sanders, who is commonly known as "Wild George," and who is a man bearing a rather bad reputation in the community, had left the whisky at his restaurant at about 2 o'clock in the morning. On the strength of this information the town marshal, who is a brother of Smith, went to the shaft of the Decatur Coal company at Niantic and arrested Sander. He was taken to the calaboose and locked up. He had nothing to say further than that to demand a trial at once and he will be given a hearing this afternoon before Justice of the Peace J. P. Faris. Attorney J. H. Latham, of Decatur, went to Niantic this morning to prosecute the case for State's Attorney Mills and Sanders has secured the services of Jesse Lockhart to act as his attorney.

The town people think that the case is a rather peculiar one as it seemed senseless that a man should steal the whisky from a saloon and then take it to a restaurant and leave it The trial this afternoon will probably bring up some further developments.

CAME TO TAKE INSURANCE

With Rev. S. P. Hoy, but was Married Instead—Romantic Wedding of a Springfield Couple.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Charles P. Lawrence and Miss Agnes B. Cunningham, of Springfield, were married last evening at 6 o'clock by Rev. S. P. Hoy, at the minister's residence, No. 303 East Bradford street. The wedding was a rather unexpected one to Rev. Hoy. Mr. Lawrence, the groom, wrote to Mr. Hoy, his uncle, about a week ago, stating that he would visit Decatur on Tuesday for the purpose of talking life insurance matters with Mr. Hoy, who follows that business.

Mr. Lawrence arrived in Decatur yesterday forenoon and was accompanied by Miss Cunningham. The couple went to Mr. Hoy's residence and after talking life insurance for a short time Mr. Lawrence said that he had decided to have Mr. Hoy marry him to Miss Cunningham. Accompanied by Mr. Hoy the couple went to the office of the county clerk and there secured a marriage license. They returned to Mr. Hoy's residence and were united in marriage at 6 o'clock, returning to Springfield at 7:40 p. m. Mr. Lawrence is the son of the late Dr. John Lawrence, a well known physician, of Springfield. The young man is employed as head clerk in the grocery department of the Harrison Bros. store at Springfield. He has a new home prepared for his bride.

The marriage was surrounded by quite a little romance. A number of years ago the bride, Miss Cunningham, rendered to Dr. Lawrence a valuable service. On this account young Lawrence became interested in the welfare of the young lady and their courtship dated from that time and resulted finally in their marriage

Died at the Poor House.

Mrs. Jane Beasley, aged 77 years, who has been a charge at the Macon county poor farm since December 13, 1897, died in that institution Tuesday night of pneumonia, after a brief illness. The deceased was sent to the poor farm from Whitmore township when Mr. Machan was supervisor. The burial took place Wednesday afternoon at the farm.

Christmas Presents.

The handsomest Christmas presents in the music line can be found at S. M. Lutz's music store, 347-349 North Water street, Decatur. Pianos, organs, music cabinets, guitars, violins and mandolins, music rolls, books, etc. Prices on fine goods never were so low and can only last till Jan. 1st. dec 16-d&wlw

There are now 42 inmates of the Macon county poor farm.

AT THE GRAND.

Kathryne Kidder Coming.

All the historic personages of the first French empire, including Napoleon the Great, Fouche, Compte d Neipperg, Savory Duke of Rovigo Duroc, Murat and Lefebvre Bonaparte's favorite marshal, are to be represented by a magnificent company of players at the Grand opera house next Thursday evening. Among this sterling company of renowned artists are Miss Marion Abbott, who plays the title role of Madame Sans Gene, who was one of the brightest women at the court of the Little Coporal. The comedy of Madame Sans Gene is conceded to be Sardou's masterpiece, and will be presented with the original scenery, properties, accessories and costumes used in its phenomenal run in New York.

Murry & Mack.

Those popular comedians will be at the Grand Friday night. They will make heaps of fun.

FIRE THIS MORNING.

Considerable Damage Done by a Blaze in the Blue Grass Carriage Shop.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

About 1 one o'clock this morning there was a fire in the brick building at the northwest corner of Main and Franklin streets. Merchant Policeman Stober discovered smoke issuing from the third story windows of the building and sent in the alarm. The building is a three story brick structure and is divided into two separate buildings joining by large doors on each floor. The west part of the lower floor and all of the second floor is occupied by J. C. Beatty's carriage and harness store and the east part of the first floor and all of the third floor is occupied by McLean's Blue Grass Carriage shop.

The fire apparently started in an inclosed stairway between the second and third floor of Mr. Beatty's side of the building. The flames spread to the third floor where McLean had some wagons and sleighs stored and it was here that the greatest damage was done. The firemen did good work in putting out the fire as the smoke was so dense that it was almost impossible to breathe in the place. Mr. Beatty's vehicles on the second floor were damaged some by the fluid from the chemical engine. The back part of the third floor was quite badly burned. The woodwork was charred and the wagons damaged. The building is the property of the McClelland estate. No one seems to know just how the fire started.

The damage to the building will amount to several hundred dollars. Mr. McLean's loss will probably reach $500 or $600 as near as he could tell today. He is fully insured, holding a policy with the Montgomery and Shull agency.

MISS LYTLE WILL WED.

The Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lytle Will be Married This Month to Geo. Helby, of Milwaukee

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Lytle today issued the invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Grace Hortense Lytle, who is to be married to Carl George Helby, of Milwaukee. The marriage will take place on the evening of Wednesday, December 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lytle, No. 427 North Morgan street. It will be a quiet home wedding and only the relatives and a few intimate friends will be present. Miss Lytle is a charming young lady and is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs C. M. Lytle. She is well known in the city and has many friends. Mr. Helby is a machinist and is employed as foreman in one of the large manufacturing establishments at Milwaukee.

Announcement.

Owing to a variety of causes incidental to the High school and business college work in the next few weeks, the literary societies of the respective schools have postponed their debate which was to be rendered next Friday evening, until a later and more suitable date. Due notice of its occurrence will be later announced.

Roads are Bad.

The condition of the country roads is now very bad. The moderate weather has allowed the ground to thaw and become soft and the rains have helped to increase the amount of mud. Even the gravel roads are in bad shape as they are deeply cut by the heavy farm wagons.

Case Continued.

Officer Peter Dompsey was in Taylorville today to appear as a witness in the case of William Wallace, who was arrested by Dompsey and who is charged with highway robbery. The case was continued again for the fifth time.

Sheriff Sale.

Deputy Sam Stabler this morning disposed of at Sheriffs sale in the case of Joseph Michl vs H. W. Downing a piece of property on West Wood street.

S. W. Evans of Dalton City who has just returned from Iowa with his wayward daughter, aged 16, had more trouble with her in this city Monday. She got away from him again but later was caught and Mr. Evans took the girl away to his home on the first train.

W. A. Whittemore, one of the oldest and best known residents of Charleston, Ill., was found dead Monday night in a manger in his barn, where he had gone to feed his horses. Heart disease was the cause. He was 75 years old.

Marriage License.

Harry C. Luckenbill, Maroa, 28.
Armetta May Hamilton, Argenta, 90

THE DECEMBER TERM

Of the County Court was Convened Today by Judge Hammer.

ARGUMENTS IN THE EWING CASE

Were Heard This Morning—Girl Fined $5 and Costs—Matters in the Circuit Court.

From the Daily of Monday.

The December term of the county court began today. In the common law cases there was a rule on the defenants to plead by first Thursday. The people's cases were not set for trial.

The entire forenoon in the county court this morning was occupied by arguments in the matter of the estate of the late C. A. Ewing. A petition was filed by James S. Ewing, guardian of the children of the late C. A. Ewing, for an order on H. L. Oldham, administrator of the C. A. Ewing estate, to pay to James S. Ewing as guardian all money collected as rents since the death of Mr. Ewing. Another petition was also filed by James S. Ewing as trustee for the widow of C. A. Ewing, for an order on H. L. Oldham, administrator, to pay over $4,000 claimed to be the dower of Mrs. C. A. Ewing in some land in McLean county. The land was sold by Mr. Ewing during his life time under a bond for deed which was not signed by Mrs. Ewing. On these grounds James S. Ewing, the widow's trustee, claims that one-third of the money, amounting to about $4,000 should be paid to her.

The first case was argued this morning, Mr. Ewing appearing for himself and Leforgee & Lee and David Hutchinson for Mr. Oldham. The attorneys for the administrator made a motion to dismiss the petition for want of jurisdiction and the arguments were on this motion. The arguments on the second petition were heard this afternoon.

Want Their Flour Back.

A petition was filed in the county court today by Fahnestock & Co., one of the creditors of L. J. Howard. The firm sold Howard a car load of flour a few days before the failure of the groceryman and they claim that he bought the goods fraudulently, and ask that an order be issued on the assignee, John Allen, to return the car load of flour to them and that it not be used as among the assets. Attorneys Gray and Mills represent the firm, Leforgee & Lee, the assignee, John Fitzgerald represents L. J. Howard, and Hutchinson and Shelly the judgment creditors.

Will Probated.

The will of the late Alberta Davis, which was filed in the county court several weeks ago, was probated today.

Fined Five Dollars.

Mary Schmelkey, the 12-year-old daughter of Michael Schmelkey, who was arrested for stealing a bolt of crash from a pile of cloth in front of Gushard's store Saturday afternoon, was brought before Judge Hammer this morning. She was fined $5 and costs and was ordered to the county jail for ten days but was allowed to go home and stay there as long as she behaves herself.

Circuit Court.

The circuit court convened this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. A jury was impaneled from the new jurymen and was discharged and several motions was placed on the dockets.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

In the circuit court today the case of J. W. Thompson vs J. R. Race was heard. The case is one wherein Mr. Thompson sues for the possession of a horse and harness. Mr. Race rented a building to G. W. Davidson and levied on some of Davidson's property for the rent. Among other things taken was the horse and harness which it is claimed was previously sold by Davidson to J. W. Thompson and a bill of sale put on record. In the justice court Thompson sued Race for the possession of the horse and the justice of the peace decided in his favor. Mr. Race then appealed and the case is now on trial again. The plaintiff claims that he was not responsible for Davidson's debts and that as the sale of the horse to him was a bonafide one he should have possession of it. Attorneys Leforgee & Lee and Frank Roby appear for Mr. Race and Attorneys Redmon and Whitley for the plaintiff. A jury was secured this morning and Mr. Davidson was put on the stand.

The members of the jury before whom the case is being tried are as follows: W. F. Gambiel, William Beall, David Boyer, John Denner, George W. Botzer, George Christeson, Frank Doty, Fred Higgins, Cary Brock, Martin E. Connard, Charles Bruce and Walter Enlow.

The attorneys for the plaintiff attempted to introduce as evidence the bill of sale for the horse. This was not allowed and in view of this fact the plaintiff dismissed the case.

The next case up was that of the village of Warrensburg vs W. H. H. Kreidler. The case was dismissed for want of prosecution about five minutes after the prosecuting witnesses arrived from Warrensburg and motion was made to set aside the dismissal.

The case of Greenfield and Cole vs Patrick Griffin was then taken up. Greenfield and Cole are a grain firm and they are suing Griffin for grain which was not delivered. This afternoon the attorneys were securing a jury.

A case which was tried yesterday afternoon was that of A. F. Gebhart vs H. M. and Oliver White, it being a suit to recover money said to be due for rent. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants.

The motions on the docket today were as follows:

Common Law Docket.

J. W. Thompson vs J. R. Race, appellant, appeal; suit dismissed by plaintiff.

Village of Warrensburg vs W. H. H. Kreidler, appellant, appeal. Suit dismissed for want of prosecution and motion by plaintiff to set aside dismissal.

Greenfield and Cole vs Patrick Griffin, assumpsit. Trial by jury.

Sales of Real Estate.

A. T. Risley to D. E. Brooks, lot 3 in Montgomery and Hall's subdivision of lots 1 and 2 in block 2 of Lake & Co.'s addition to Decatur; $9200.

George Stauffer to John Ulrich, lot 3 in block 9 of H. H. Wise's subdivision to Decatur; $1035 57.

Lafayette H. Shelley to Libbie Leforgee, the north half of lot 2 in block 2 of J. H. Robinson's addition to Decatur; $,000.

Henry C. Robinson to F. M. Balston, twenty-five acres of land in the northeast quarter of 1, 16, 2 east; $1.

Thomas Evans to William Evans, the east half of the south half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of 19, 16, 2 east; $1.

Libbie Leforgee to Lafayette H. Shelley lot 7 in block 2 of M. Johnson's subdivision of a part of lots 6 and 7 of the northeast quarter of 10, 16, 2 east; $4100.

Charles M. Barnett to Sarah J. Cain, lot 24 and 10 feet off of west side of lot 25 in block 2 of Pleasant View addition; $1.

James N. Miller to C. P. Thatcher, a lot in block 4 of Lake & Co.'s addition to Decatur; $2750.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

The Case of Greenfield and Cole vs Patrick Griffin—Matters in the County Court.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

In the circuit court today the case of Greenfield and Cole vs. Patrick Griffin was on trial. The case is one where the firm are suing Griffin because he did not deliver grain when he agreed. It will probably be finished this afternoon The following motion was on the chancery docket today:

H. Mueller vs. Clara E. Wood et al, foreclosure. Leave to amend making Annie G. Paine party defendant.

Divorce Bill.

Ellis F. Ward, by his attorney, A. M. Taylor, has filed a bill asking for a divorce from his wife, Ida F. Ward. The couple were married at Ida Grove, Iowa, in 1888, and have not lived together since June, 1894. The plaintiff is a resident of Decatur and his wife is living in Chicago, where she has been since her refusal to live with him. The suit is brought on the grounds of desertion. There is one child, a son, 12 years old, who is living with his father.

County Court.

The commission appointed to inquire into the sanity of Mrs. Amelia Drake today reported to Judge Hammer in the county court that they had found the woman insane. She will be sent to the asylum at Kankakee.

Mrs. Annie B. Allen was today appointed administratrix of the estate of James F. Allen. She gave bond in the sum of $5000.

MOTOR CARRIAGE RUNS AWAY

Newly Wedded Couple Given a Scare on Their Way to Chicago.

New York, Dec. 15.—A singular mishap befell Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Barnes of Dorchester, Mass., yesterday. They were on their honeymoon, going to Chicago, and hired a horseless carriage to convey them from the Grand Union hotel to the Pennsylvania ferry at the foot of West Twenty-third street. James Hanlon was in charge of the vehicle.

When near Ninth avenue and Twenty-second street the motor carriage, owing to the slippery streets, became unmanageable and clashed against a heavy coal wagon. It was overturned, throwing out both bride and groom and scattering trunks, handbags and other light baggage. Hanlon was pinned under the operator's seat. No one was badly injured, though Mr. Barnes got a slight cut on the head.

Greeks Want More Time.

Constantinople, Dec. 15.—The Greek government has requested a month's extension of time fixed for ratifying the treaty of peace with Turkey. The diplomatic corps is much surprised. The Turkish officials declare it is unwarranted and unacceptable.

Captain and Crew Drowned.

Portland, Me., Dec. 15.—The schooner Susan P. Thurlow went to pieces on Cushing Island last night. The captain and five of the crew were drowned. One sailor managed to reach the shore this morning and told the story of the wreck.

Uncle Sam After Reindeer.

Trondhjem, Norway, Dec. 15.—An agent of the United States government has arrived here to buy reindeer for the Klondike relief expedition.

Married.

At 213 East Jefferson street, at 2:30 p. m., December 15, by Dr. W. F. Gillmore, Mr. Charles Baughman and Miss Mary Jackson, both of Mowequa, Ill.

A friend in the medicine of life.

THE SUPERVISORS.

Business Transacted by the Members of the County Board To-Day.

STEWARD AND COUNTY PHYSICIAN

Will be Elected at Two O'clock Thursday Afternoon—Report of the Treasurer and Other Matters.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The second day's session of the December meeting of the board of supervisors of Macon county opened this morning at 10 o'clock. All members were present, excepting Supervisor May. A number of bills were read and referred to the proper committees W. H. Spence, chairman of the public building committee, reported that he had renewed the insurance on the poor house to the amount of $11,000 at the rate of 2½ per cent for five years.

The county treasurer, Charles H. Patterson, submitted his annual report. It showed balances on hand in the different funds as follows:

County institute fund, $86 69; trust fund, $9280.87; court house bond interest fund, $2629.97; county fund, $28,226.41.

The total expenditures for the year were $71,988.47, including the following items:

County orders issued by board, $16,074.64; sparrow orders, $830.20; circuit clerk's orders, $9121.60.

The balance of expenditures were on coroner's orders, circuit judges's certificates, foreign witness fees and treasurer's fees. The excess earnings of the county treasurer transferred to the treasury at the close of the year was several hundred dollars more than in any previous year in the history of the county.

John Barnett, a pauper, was ordered sent to the county poor farm. He is partly paralyzed and is unable to care for himself and will be taken at once to the poor farm.

The matter of paying for coroner's inquests was referred to the judiciary committee on motion of Supervisor Spence.

The time set for the election of the steward of the poor farm and the county physician was set for 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and on motion of Mr. Draper was made a special order of business.

The bond of Charles H. Patterson, as county collector, was approved. The bond was for $175,000.

The board then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

W. J. Magee, as a committee of one for the county poor farm, reported the receipts to be $110.32, the total expenditures $70.38, and the balance due the county $39.94.

The matter of telephones was discussed. A committee was appointed to talk with the old telephone company and try to secure rates and if this cannot be done the old telephones will be removed and the new company 'phones put in. Other routine matters were brought up and discussed.

WILHELMY WILL GET IT.

Republican Supervisors Held a Caucus and Decided to Elect Him County Physician.

The probabilities are that Dr. Arthur F. Wilhelmy will be the next county physician. The election of physician and steward will come up tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. This afternoon before the opening of the afternoon session the Republicans held a caucus to discuss the matter of the election of the county physician. There are 15 Republicans, one of whom is absent on account of illness, and nine Democrats. It is stated that in the caucus the vote on Dr. Wilhelmy and Dr. Dixon was 14 to 1 in favor of Wilhelmy. The question of the election of the steward will be discussed by the Republicans at a caucus tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Brought to Decatur.

George Sanders, the minor who was arrested yesterday for stealing whisky from Haber and Doran's saloon at Niantic, had his trial yesterday afternoon before Justice Faris. Attorney J. H. Latham prosecuted the case and Sanders was held under a bond of $200 to await the action of the grand jury He didn't put up the bond and so he was brought to Decatur and locked in the county jail.

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Capt. Lovering does not seem to appreciate a reprimand any better than Spain. Both ought to be wiped off the earth or be shorn of power.

Germany seems to have adopted a policy of piracy It has robbed poor Hayti and is also trying to hold up a section of China.

The butcher Weyler says McKinley is the friend of the Cubans and at the first opportunity will interpose in behalf of the insurgents. Weyler no doubt knows what is under cover of diplomacy.

The Spanish papers seem to think the president has insulted Spain in his message. If the president should see his way clear to recognize the independence of Cuba perhaps Spain would think an earthquake had struck her sovereignty in Cuba.

William J. Bryan has at last reached Mexico and is being presented as the friend of silver after he exchanged $500 of sound dollar for dollar United States money for something more than $1000 of depreciated silver basis Mexican dollars, which varies in value as often as the sun rises.

A bill has been introduced in congress which provides that women who marry ex-soldiers after July 1, 1896, shall not be eligible to secure pensions upon the death of the husband. This bill if it becomes a law will make it more difficult for an old veteran who wants to marry to secure a marriage contract.

The extraordinary session of the legislature will not be allowed to pass without a bill that will interest a special class of people. A bill has been introduced to tax car builders other than railroad companies. The chances are that somebody or several somebody's will expect to be seen before the bill passes.

The Kansas City Journal is trying to palm off an old picture of Bob Fitzsimmons as a cut of Thomas B. Reed. There is no similarity between the two men except that Bob found Corbett's solar plexus some years after the illustrious son of Maine found the solar plexus of the Democratic quorum breakers.

Those thirteen foreign nations whose representatives made protests against certain features of the Dingley bill during its consideration by Congress have not yet made good their bluff to exclude American products. On the contrary, their purchases from us have increased twenty-five per cent. since the enactment of the Dingley law, while that measure has been followed by a reduction of twenty-five per cent in our importations from those countries.

Ex-candidate Bryan took occasion in his St. Louis speech to reiterate his adherence to the new-found principles of Democratic faith, government by injunction, anti-trust legislation and arbitration in behalf of labor. Somebody has taken occasion to look up his record during the four years in which he served in congress, and finds that during all that time, in which he had opportunity to indicate in a practical way his friendship for those subjects, he did not open his lips in regard to them or take any steps officially or otherwise in their behalf.

Much interest is felt among politicians of both parties in the work of this session of congress. The Democrats are sadly in need of campaign ammunition for the coming congressional fight, for the party out of power always expects to make an aggressive campaign, based upon the official action of the party in power. Up to this time the administration and the Republican congress elected with it have furnished to little material for criticism that the Democratic leaders are at a loss for campaigning ammunition for the coming congressional contest.

The anxious public has not yet heard from some silver senators who went to Japan a few months ago to find out just how it was that the "gold powers" had managed to induce the Yankee of the Orient to abandon the silver standard. Probably they are reserving that information for the exclusive use of Mr. Bryan during his visit to Mexico, so that he may advise the statesmen of that country how to escape the fate of the Japanese, and of all the other intelligent nations which have joined the gold standard in the last quarter of a century.

Annexation of Hawaii.

The word which comes from Washington is to the effect that the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii will fail of ratification in the senate as a canvas shows it cannot secure a two-thirds vote in that body. It is agreed that annexation of those islands is desirable and would be of inestimable value to the United States as an element of protection to the interests of the country in the Pacific ocean and the Pacific coast, and in view of these facts the conditions which lead to the belief that the treaty cannot be ratified does not speak well for American statesmanship and American genius. There are enough senators who propose to use their votes to defeat ratification who will do so upon the basest sort of grounds, to defeat ratification.

Some will vote against ratification because Hawaii being a sugar producing country its admission to our territory would bring it in competition with the beet sugar industry. Some will vote against it because they look upon it as a party measure. Neither of these classes in their opposition defer to patriotism and true Americanism. Patriotism does not enter into their motives and the country as a whole must suffer for these featherheads. The country wants Hawaii annexed and it also wants the war ended in Cuba and it wants the government to see that both are done. Both are grave questions that our statesmen should meet fairly and squarely as becomes the representatives of a great nation and the people want both settled without reference to the threats of Spain or of Japan. If congress does not meet these great issues squarely then the people may be expected to take up issues that will not be so wholesome and that may be fraught with great danger to our financial system and our patriotism. The Cuban question and the Hawaiian question have held many a patriotic citizen away from dangerous dogmas, but once they find they can place no reliance upon the government adopting vigorous measures toward all nations that interfere with our just aspirations there is nothing left to hold the people to a reverence for the flag and the traditions it represents.

In case Spain fails to end the war in Cuba in a reasonable time, and should the United States without further parley step in and recognize the independence of Cuba and end the war in favor of the patriots at any cost; and should Hawaii be annexed the free silver fraud will not be heard of in the next campaign, while on the other hand, if the government fails on both there is no telling what dangerous conditions may prevail and what the result of the next appeal to the people may be. These are solemn facts that our statesmen do not seem to comprehend chiefly because they undervalue the sentiment of the great masses.

The Reapportionment Measure.

The Chicago Tribune: The first step toward a new Senatorial apportionment has been taken. Those differences between Cook county Republicans which prevented action at the regular session have been settled. All of those Republicans have agreed on a scheme which does not have some of the features which made that introduced at the last session obnoxious to many Republicans. The new plan is not devised for the exclusive benefit of Messrs Hertz and Lorimer.

The apportionment which has been agreed on gives the Republicans eleven districts, the Democrats three, and one "politically doubtful." In reality it is Democratic. But this is based on the McKinley vote. Last year the Republicans had an abnormal majority which they are not likey to get again. On the basis of the Cleveland vote of 1892 only four of the proposed districts would be Republican beyond a doubt.

Under the proposed apportionment which ever party carried the city by a fair majority would elect a majority of the legislature chosen from the city. Districts which are laid out so that that happens cannot rightly be objected to on political grounds.

There was not the same difficulty at the regular session about redistricting in the country that there was in this city and county. The country members have settled on what they want done. Therefore, now that the Cook county members have harmonized there is nothing to prevent the introduction of a reapportionment bill and its speedy passage. Though the Republicans are short a few members they have enough to answer the purpose.

"No Weapons Against the Tariff,"

The American Economist:—In his address before the Chamber of Commerce of Croydon, Nov. 29, the Right Hon. Charles T. Ritchie, president of the British Board of Trade, took a very serious view of the American competition in its effect upon British trade. After declaring that the Dingley tariff and the engineering trade dispute were mainly responsible for the recent decline of exports and pointing out that England has no weapons against the tariff. Mr. Ritchie said that there was a great deal of talk in commercial circles about the serious competition of Germany, but he thought they were too apt to overlook a much more serious competitor.—the United States.

"The facts are serious," he continued, "and call upon up for the exercise of all our powers to enable us to maintain our position in the commercial world. There is no doubt that the United States are executing orders which ought to be executed here. As we all know, an American firm obtained the contract for the Central Underground Railway (of London), as its bid was lower than those of the English concerns, and it could deliver the supplies three months ahead of the British tenders. Many important Continental orders have gone to America. The same is to be said of Egypt and Japan, where the Americans are doing work that Englishmen should have done. In consequence of the engineering dispute many orders are leaving the country and unfortunately, these orders seldom return.

"America's successful competition is due to the enterprise in embarking capital, but it is yet more due to the freedom her manufacturers enjoy of employing the best machinery and working it in the most economical manner, untrammeled by the restrictions which have hampered manufacturers here."

The significance of one of these statements of the Right Hon President of the British Board of Trade will not escape attention. It was that "England has no weapons against the tariff"

The weak spot in England's free trade armor is beginning to be visible to the dullest vision. She cannot make bargains with countries having tariffs. She has nothing to bargain with, being herself without a tariff.

As to Mr. Ritchie's further explanation of America's successful competition as being due to the liberal enlistment of capital and to the employment of the best machinery and its operation in the most economical manner, it must astonish British theorists to be officially told that such a state of things can possibly exist in a country, which according to Cobden's teachings, has been under the blighting influence of protection for the past half century.

McKinley on Cuba.

The clear, ringing terms in which President McKinley expresses himself on the much-discussed Cuban question shows that those who were inclined to criticise his course in the past as one of neglect or unnecessary delay were doing so without sufficient knowledge of the situation, and were doing him and his administration an injustice. His discussion of the subject is elaborate, statesmanlike, vigorous, convincing. He makes no hesitation in denouncing the cruelties which have been practiced, especially calling attention to what he terms, in specific language, "the cruel policy of concentration," and the unwarranted destruction of property and homes throughout the island, against which he says: "I have felt constrained on repeated occasions to enter the protest of this government." These protests were followed by instructions to our new minister to Spain, through which he was directed to indicate to the Spanish government that the United States could not continue to look with favor or silence upon a continuation of this policy. This statement from the United States minister reached the Spanish government almost simultaneously with the creation of a new ministry under the leadership of Sagasta, which signalized its accession by the introduction of more humane methods, a cessation of the concentration system, and a proposition for autonomy. In view of the fact that this new system has been adopted and is evidently offered with good faith with intention on the part of the Spanish government to carry it out in such spirit, the President is led to the belief that further action by the United States at this time is not wise. He discusses the effects of proposed recognition of belligerency, quoting General Grant at great length on this subject, and reaches the conclusion that while action of this kind would place shipping and other interests of the United States at great disadvantage, it would not be accompanied by sufficient advantages to the Cubans to in any sense compensate, and closes this feature of te discussion by saying: "I regard the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents as now unwise, and therefore inadmissible; should that step hereafter be deemed wise as a measure of right and duty the executive will take it." As to proposed intervention upon humanitarian grounds, he expresses the opinion that this is not now called for in view of the marked change in the method of the Spanish government and its proposals for autonomy for Cuba, but closes with a ringing statement that "the near future will demonstrate whether the indispensable condition of a righteous peace, just alike to the Cubans and to Spain, as well as equitable to all our interests so intimately involved in the welfare of Cuba, is likely to be attained. If not, the exigency of further and other action by the United States will remain to be taken. When that time comes, that action will be dependent in the light of indisputable rights and duty. It will be faced, without misgivings or hesitancy, in the light of the obligation, that government owes to itself to the people who have confided to it the protection of their interests and honor, and to humanity. Sure of the right, keeping free from all offence ourselves, actuated only by upright and patriotic considerations, moved neither by passion nor selfishness, the government will continue its watchful care over the rights and property of American citizens, and will abate none of its watchful care over the rights and property of American citizens, and will abate none of its efforts to bring about by peaceful agencies a peace which shall be honorable and enduring. If it shall hereafter appear to be a duty imposed by our obligations to ourselves, to civilization and humanity to intervene with force, it shall be without fault on our part and only because the necessity for such action will be so clear as to command the support and approval of the civilized world." What American citizen can find fault with such words as these?

A Public Building for Decatur.

Congressman Connolly has introduced a bill which provides for an appropriation of $100,000 for the erection of a government building in Decatur. At this time, after the government has been suffering from deficiencies for three or four years, it would naturally be supposed that the show to secure an appropriation for a public building is not first class. But under these adverse conditions appropriations have and will be made for public buildings in cities of much less importance than Decatur. Decatur has been greatly slighted in the past in regard to a public building. It should have had one many years ago. Congressman Connolly evidently takes his view of the case and very promptly and properly took it and introduces a bill for that purpose. Our people will appreciate the interest he shows in this important matter and should he succeed in having the bill passed our people will not soon forget his efforts in their behalf.

It is understood that Congressman Connolly is greatly interested in this matter He fully values what Macon county did for him and the ticket in the late campaign and believes a faithful and reliable people are entitled to consideration. Nothing will be left undone, that he can do to get this appropriation through congress and his influence is such that it may be safely predicted that if congress can see its way clear to the expenditure of money for such purposes Decatur, will be in the list of cities that will be designated as proper places for the erection of a public building.

THE ROSS ASSIGNMENT.

Attorneys Make Arguments as to Who are the Preferred Creditors of A. F. Ross.

From the Daily of Saturday.

In the county court this afternoon Judge Hammer heard arguments made in the matter of the assignment of A. F Ross. Before making the assignment Mr. Ross gave a judgment note to H. W Fenton for $5,000. Mr. Fenton sent the note to Sullivan and judgment was taken in the court at that city and the execution sent to Decatur. This was on the Saturday before the failure. On the following Sunday, representatives of two Cincinnati firms to which Mr. Ross was indebted came to Decatur, and after conferring with them Mr. Ross gave them a judgment note for $5,000. This was taken to Clinton and the execution brought back to Decatur and served on Mr. Ross. The store was taken possession of and then Mr. Ross made an assignment. J W. Race, the assignee then took charge of the store and turned the stock into money. He now holds the money and the arguments in the case today were as to whether Mr. Fenton or the Cincinnati firms should be paid first. There is enough money to pay one of the claims and part of the other but not enough to pay both. Attorney David Hutchinson represented Assignee Race, Leforges & Lee represented the Cincinnati firm and Attorneys Hugh Crea, I. A. Buckingham and J. C. Hostetler appeared for Mr. Fenton.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Will be Held at Springfield This Month —Other School News.

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the Illinois State Teacher's Association will be held at the capitol building at Springfield, Illinois, December 28, 29 and 30. There will be teachers from all parts of the state present. Superintendent E. A. Gastman, of this city, will take part in the exercises on Thursday evening, December 30. Principal J J. Sheppard, of this city, is president of the High school department of the institute and Prof. F. W. Westhoff, of Decatur, is president of the music section.

The regular monthly meeting of the Macon county teachers will be held next Saturday at the office of the county superintendent, J. G. Keller. Some interesting talks will be given and the probabilities are that there will be a large attendance.

Mr. Kirkwood, who has charge of the Pleasant View school, has resigned on account of failing health and Miss Lola Anderson has been appointed in his place.

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You can tell the progress of the fruit season by the stains on the cloth.

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Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month, with good results." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

How a man makes the telephone rattle when he gets mad, and what little good it does!

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It is not safe to criticise folks too recklessly, for you can't tell whose relatives they may be

No man is too shiftless to feel a little bit romantic about his marriage.

A girl wearing an organdie dress thinks she looks good enough to eat

We are liable to be most miserable expecting troubles that never come

A woman is unhappy all summer because she can't buy every shirt waist she sees.

A boy is never too trifling to whistle real loud through his fingers.

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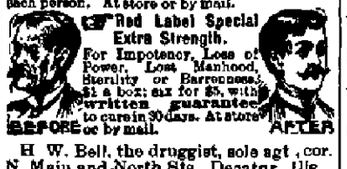

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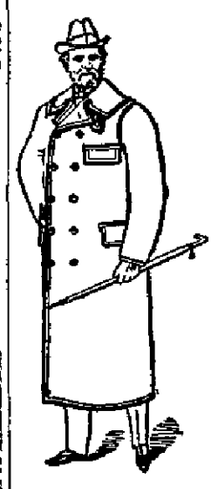

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TENSE FEELING AT WASHINGTON

Autonomy Pronounced a Dismal Failure—Speculation as to What Congress Will Do—That Note to Spain.

Washington, D. C December 11.—The house committee on foreign affairs in a body visited the state department yesterday and was received by Secretary Sherman The visit was a brief one and of ceremonious character Later, perhaps not till after the holidays, the latest reports received from the consuls in Cuba will be laid before the committees of both senate and house, or more probably before subcommittees representing the full committees The administration will take this course rather than send the reports to congress to be made public at this time Resolutions will be introduced calling for the reports, but they will probably result, as during the extra session, in the committees reporting that the publication of the reports would be likely to endanger the lives of the consuls

The recognition of belligerency has experienced a decline in interest since the President's message There is growing in place of it a feeling that a crisis of a grave character is fast coming It is felt by many members of congress that either Spain will abandon the island or this country will intervene by force before the winter is over. Those, who take this view believe the wisest course for congress now is to let the belligerency proposition rest

An impression that Spain, in desperation with affairs at home as well as confronted by failure in Cuba, may try to bring on a quarrel with this country has gained some ground. It tends to make senators and representatives cautious The situation is a serious one. Some of the oldest and most experienced members are much concerned. There is no inclination to shriek, but there is a disposition to act with caution, but be sure of every step that is taken so that it may appear to the world, as the President said in his message, that this country is entirely right

Warships in Gulf Waters.

The United States now has the advantage There will be some talk in congress. That cannot be helped

But there will be no action calculated to furnish Spain with a provocation If Spain is the aggressor, if that country becomes insulting the clash will come surely and quickly. For the first time in three years this winter will see a respectable fleet of American warships in gulf waters The cruisers and gunboats will be so distributed that a few hours will bring them into Cuban harbors. The tone of the message was pacific. Congress starts mildly on the Cuban question The avowed policy is delay Spain is conceded time to try a new plan with the revolution There has not been a time since the war started when the surface between the United States and Spain was so calm, and where there was underneath such expectation of trouble and such preparation in progress to meet it

One of the members of the committee after the visit to Secretary Sherman said

"There is a feeling at the state department that the Cuban question will soon become acute. The President's message was written in a guarded manner, for the express reason that he was not at all satisfied with the prospects of autonomy, and only proposed to keep his record clear by giving Spain time The administration understands that an actual change in government in Spain may come at any time and in spite of all denials it can be asserted as a fact that the dispatch of the North Atlantic fleet to West Indian waters was for the purpose of having the ships ready to mount guard in Havana harbor when the explosion comes, which every one now anticipates. There is no necessity for action by congress because the power of the Spanish government is now rapidly disintegrating, not only in Cuba, but on the peninsular as well "

Note to Spain Withheld.

"Firm in the conviction of a wholly performed obligation, due response to this charge has been made in diplomatic course" This is what the President says of the complaint of Spain that the insurgents have received an amount of aid from this country inconsistent with the theory of honest neutrality. It has been supposed that the next step in the diplomatic correspondence is for Spain to take.

A strange story is current at the state department. It is said that the note which this government was supposed to have forwarded several days ago to Madrid was withheld through the desire of the President to make some additions to it The illness of the President's mother caused the matter to be laid aside and the note has not yet been sent The papers are not at the department They were taken to Canton and are still awaiting the President's attention.

Reports from American consuls in Cuba received by the latest mails, show that autonomy is making no progress. They do not hold out any encouragement that the end of this war will come through the "reforms." Some of the consuls of this country have put themselves in communication with the insurgent leaders They inform their government that the revolutionists seem more confident than ever of an early withdrawal of the Spanish troops from the island.

Destruction of Spaniards.

Estimates of the present strength of the Spanish army and of the insurgents are furnished by the Consuls They indicate that the able-bodied effective forces of Blanco now amount to only 6,000 men These are exclusive of the volunteers formed by Spanish residents of the island, and at present rendered unreliable by the uncertainties of the political reforms.

The insurgents, according to the consular estimates, are now distributed about as follows: In Pinar del Rio, 4,000; in Havana, 200, in Matanzas, 1,000, in Santa Clara, 4,000, in Santiago de Cuba and Puerto Principe, 10,000, total 22,000. Of this number the Consuls estimate one-fourth to be indifferently armed or entirely without arms.

If the estimate of the present strength of the Spaniards is correct, and it agrees with other information that has reached here, it shows that since February, 1895, the Spanish soldiers who have been killed, or have died from diseases, or have been invalided, number 140,000. This terrible destruction of the army of occupation encourages the insurgents to believe that the Spaniards can not much longer hold out

BOX FOUND TO CONTAIN $1,500.

Illinois Woman Inspects the Estate Left by Her Husband.

Milwaukee, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Edward Weissner of Waukegan came here yesterday for the purpose of opening the strong box of the vaults of the Merchants' Safety and Deposit Company, which had been rented by her husband This action was one of a series of sensational incidents arising out of the contest of the will of Edward Weissner, who died recently at the age of 96 years

Mr Weissner's first wife died thirty-five years ago in Germany, and some years later Mr Weissner appeared with a woman whom he introduced as his wife After the death of Mr. Weissner suit was brought by Edward Weissner, a son, who claims to be sole heir to the estate He alleges that Mrs Albertina W Weissner was never married to his father and therefore is not his widow.

While it was known that the deceased was wealthy, the extent of his wealth his has not yet been discovered It was thought that some light might be thrown on the subject by an investigation of the strong box It was found to contain certificates of deposit in the National Bank of Waukegan to the amount of about $1,000 and $500 in notes and mortgages

State Pays for Wedding Trip.

Scranton, Ill, Dec 11 —Lieutenant Leroy K. Hornbeck, Company A, this city, is accused of appropriating $486 51 of the company's money He was married yesterday morning, drew money from the bank, and ostensibly started for St. Louis on a wedding trip. He had claimed he did not have the money which was due the company for services in camp last summer, but a telegram from Adjutant General Reece says the money was sent over a month ago Hornbeck bought tickets for St Louis but had his trunks checked to Joliet, while the bride said they were going to Oklahoma Officers are now in pursuit.

Union of the Greater Republics.

Washington, D C, Dec. 11 —Official information is received that the greater republics of Central America are about to extend union so as to give it all the attributes of a sovereign nation At the present time the three countries forming the union, Nicaragua, Salvador, Honduras, have a diet, which conducts diplomatic relations with the outer world, while each country maintains its own separate government of internal affairs. This created the impression that the Greater Republic was merely an alliance of three republics and not a republic in itself. This has been the chief cause of the trouble in sending Ministers of the United States to Central America

ROBBERS WERE COWBOYS.

Not Members of Black Jack Gang—Federal Posse in Pursuit.

Deming, N. M, Dec 11.—"Sandy," or Vic, Collins, who was killed while engaged in an attempt to rob a Southern Pacific train at Stein's Pass, ninety miles west of this point, was until recently employed as a cowboy in the San Simon Valley ranges, in Eastern Arizona, and his companions, instead of being members of the "Black Jack" gang, as it was first supposed here, are now known to have been a band of cowboys, organized for the single purpose of the robbery which was attempted. The United States Marshal and a posse were in the immediate vicinity of Stein's Pass pursuing the "Black Jack" gang, and they were at once notified, and started in pursuit. The chances for the capture of the remaining robbers are therefore good

The robbers did not even succeed in gaining an entrance to the car When they attacked the train, Express Messenger Adair and the two guards, Jennings and Thacker, opened fire A fusillade followed, and Collins was shot and instantly killed The others then fled The members of the original "Black Jack" gange are still thought to be in hiding in their retreat in the Sierra Mader in Old Mexico

HARD COAL MADE FROM GARBAGE

New Process Which Promises to Revolutionize the Fuel Business.

Moline, Ill, Dec 11 —A process has been tested here which seems destined to revolutionize both the fuel business and the present mode of disposing of garbage By it, genuine hard coal and gas, ammonia, tar, etc, are produced from either soft coal or any waste vegetable product The inventor, Chas W. Smith, recently of Minneapolis, refuses to divulge the secret of his process, but has given, in the presence of city officials and professional men, a number of tests which seem to substantiate all his claims. The apparatus, it is claimed, will produce from one ton of common soft coal 1800 pounds of hard coal, 300 pounds of tar and from 6000 to 9000 feet of illuminating gas.

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The rain had softened the mud so that the crossing are more easily and quickly cleaned than during the colder weather

YOUNG MURDERERS.

Girl and Boy Sentenced to the Penitentiary for High Crime.

BRUTAL KILLING OF AN OLD MAN

Miss Falls Gets Twenty Years and Young Kern Twelve Years—Cattle for England—Other News.

Waverly, Iowa, Dec 11 —Judge Clyde sentenced Delilah Falls and Will Kern, aged 20 and 17 years, respectively, to twenty and twelve years in the penitentiary. Kern and the Falls girl were lovers, to which the father of the boy objected. The girl planned the murder of the father, persuading the son to assist her. On August 2 she wrote the Elder Kern a note to meet her in a dense woods five miles from Cedar Falls. When he arrived at the appointed place, she shot him three times and with the help of young Kern covered the body with brush, burning it up Young Kern was arrested for the murder and a short time ago confessed his part in the crime, declaring that the Falls girl committed the deed She was immediately arrested, confessing her guilt shortly afterwards

CATTLE GOING TO LONDON.

Bunch of 298, Weighing 182,495 Pounds, Bring $23,881 50

Clinton, Mo., Dec 11.—Smith & Gray stock feeders of this city, yesterday delivered to J A. Hathaway, of Boston, 294 head of export beef cattle to go to the London market They weighed 182,495 pounds, and brought the feeders $23,881,50 The cattle will be shipped in twenty-two cars on a special train over the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway to St Louis, where they will be fed and watered Sunday morning, and then reloaded and sent to Boston, where they will be tranferred to steamer for London H. Waltz, of Buffalo, Hathaway's buyer, and W S McBride, cattle salesman for Evans, Snider-Buel Commission company, through whom the cattle were sold pronounce them the fattest drove of cattle they have ever seen These cattle have been fed on soaked shelled corn for the past nine months. Henry county leads the country for fine fat beef cattle.

Congressman Sayers on Protection.

Washington, D C, Dec. 11.—Early in the extraordinary session of Congress, Mr. Bailey, of Texas, the leader of the Democratic side of the House, took a position upon the tariff which brought upon him the severe criticism of the free traders His position was considered significant of a growing sentiment in the South for protection. The Republican National Committee has just had printed and will distribute many thousand copies of a statement issued by Representative Sayers, of Texas, in announcing his candidacy for Governor of his state. Mr. Sayers has been in Congress longer than any other member of his delegation. He was chairman of the committee on appropriations when the Democrats controlled the House, and is now at the head of the Democratic minority of that committee

"I am earnestly of the opinion,' Mr Sayers says in this document which the Republicans are to scatter widely, "that the people should countenance and support any reasonable and proper policy that would tend to secure the construction and operation of all kinds of industrial and manufacturing establishments within the state. Present conditions imperatively demand it"

Mr. Sayers at some length tells what other Southern states have done in the way of building up industries. "The policy of our people," he says, "should be to export the manufactured article rather than the raw material" He goes on with much much more which sounds suspiciously like the Republican doctrine of protection

PAY ROLLS SHOW INCREASE.

Activity in Pennsylvania Iron, Steel, Tin and Silk Mills.

Harrisburg, Pa, Dec 11.—Statistics gathered from officials of the great manufacturing concerns in Harrisburg show a remarkable revival of prosperity During the latter part of 1896 the average number of hands employed in the various departments on the Pennsylvania steel works was 3,800, and the works were running on short time. At present 4,900 hands are working full time President Felton says the pay roll shows 3 per cent increase for the month of September over September a year ago, and 4 per cent increase for the last month over November, 1896. President Felton says he sees nothing in the way of continued prosperity if congress will only put the currency on a basis that will admit of no doubt of the soundness of all our money. The market for American steel is widening constantly, and the company is now shipping not only into British India, but right into the city of Liverpool itself, for which place they are at present filling large orders for steel rails Interviews with the managers of other big iron and steel works, tin manufactories, and silk mills show a similar gratifying state of affairs

MINISTER DID NOT ARRIVE.

Taylorville Suicide Laid to Rest Without Usual Ceremony.

Taylorville, Dec 11.—The funeral of Dr. J. Frank Mason occurred at the Hill cemetery near Sharpsburg The funeral was to have been held in the morning but was delayed on account of the non-arrival of a minister from Olney who was to officiate. The minister did not arrive, however, and as there were no other divines present the services were conducted by the Fraternal Aid association Mrs N. S White, president of the order, offered a prayer and a song entitled "All is Well" was sung by a number of the ladies present

The remains were laid to rest at the Hill cemetery

Every man thinks his credit is good.

Grover Goes After Ducks.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Former President Grover Cleveland arrived in Washington yesterday afternoon en route to South Carolina on a hunting trip Although this was the first time Mr Cleveland had been in Washington since he left the Executive Mansion last March he did not leave his car during the two hours it was in the city. He was met at the Sixth Street Station by Captain Robley D Evans of the Lighthouse board, General Anson G McCook, United States Marshal A. A Wilson, and two or three other intimate friends.

Mr Cleveland has evidently improved greatly in health since he left Washington. He said he was enjoying excellent health, and, indeed, had not been better for several years. He declined to discuss politics or public affairs, but laughingly suggested that he might have some interesting stories on duck shooting to tell upon his return from the South.

He is on his way to South Island, about thirty miles from Charleston, S C., where he will be the guest of General L P. Alexander, the chief of the Confederate artillery forces at the battle of Gettysburg, and now President of the Georgia Central railroad.

Cereals' Price Higher.

Washington, Dec 11 —The agricultural department today issued the following:

"The department's special wheat investigation is still lacking a few important returns, but the general result will be determined by Monday and then will be made public

"The department's final estimates of the production of the principal crops are based largely on December returns, and they will not be made public before the 13th of the month at the earliest.

"The only information now available relates to the average farm price of certain products on the first day of the present month The farm price of corn as indicated averages 26. cents a bushel, against 21 65 last year; oats, 21 5, against 18 7 last year, barley, 37.7, against 33.3 last year rye 44 7, against 40.9 last year hay $6 65 a ton, against $6 55 last year.

Arrested in New York.

New York, N Y, Dec 11 —On a requisition from the governor of Nebraska Eugene A Cashman, foreman in the street cleaning department, was arrested today on a charge of embezzling $25,000 in Nebraska

Cashman was county treasurer of Greely county, Nebraska, three years ago It is alleged that he suddenly disappeared, leaving a shortage in his accounts of between $25,000 and $30,000 thousand. Cashman's bondsmen were obliged to make the shortage good At their instance he was arrested. Cashman has been in this city ever since he left Nebraska

Think Agreement Near.

Springfield, Dec 11 —It is now the expectation of the committee of sixteen that it will be able to agree on an apportionment bill at a meeting of the full committee to be held Monday evening so that the bill may be introduced in both houses on Tuesday.

There is little doubt that this program will be carried through, but if by any chance the committee should fail, the apportionment question will be referred to a Republican caucus Tuesday.

If the bill is introduced it will probably be rushed through to passage before adjournment Friday, allowing the Democrats time to get in their speeches for political capital

Paid $60,000 for a 2-Year-Old.

Louisville, Ky, Dec. 11 —Wm. Lakeland, trainer for Foxhall Keene, bought the great 2 year old Hamburg for $60,000

This is highest price ever paid for a thoroughbred, except St. Blaise, for which $100,000 was paid Hamburg will hereafter wear the colors of W T. Powers, a wealthy New Yorker

Saved the Crew.

Queenstown, Dec 11 —The steamer, Eutruria arrived this afternoon. The captain reports that he sighted yesterday afternoon the steamer Millfield, from Baltimore, in a sinking condition, being swept by heavy seas. The Eutruria manned the lifeboats and rescued the twenty three men comprising the crew of Millfield

Will Not Fight.

Pekin, Dec 11 —The German Chinese difficulty is practically settled The Germans refuse to discuss the occupation of Kiao Chou Bay The governor of Shan Lung has been removed from office No monopoly of mines and railroads conceded to Germans, but that country is given preference The area immediately surrounding Kiao Chou Bay is set apart exclusively for Germany China yields on all other points

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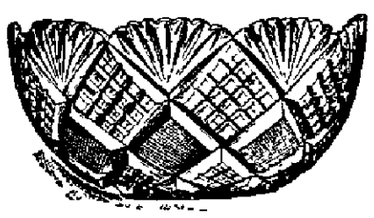

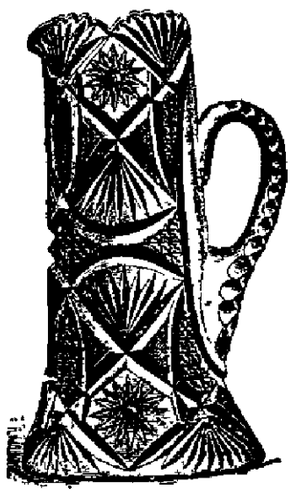

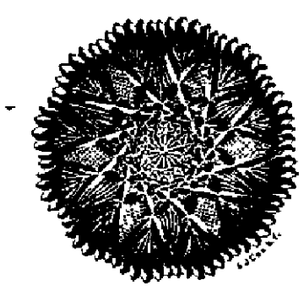

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Weyler has expressed a desire to lead an invading Spanish army against the United States, but it will be noted that he was in Spain when he said it

Spain seems to have a mental reservation as to the proposed reforms in Cuba That mental reservation means that Spain is not only trying to deceive the Cubans but the United States as well.

Senator Cullom has lost none of his interest in the inter state commerce law and will introduce bills to cure the defects in the applications of the law found by the federal courts

The estimate of the fighting force of the Cuban as made by our consuls puts the number at 32,000. This number of men on the defensive can more than hold their own against the Spanish force of 80,000

The proposition of the sugar trust to furnish the sinews of war in the next campaign for the Democrats, in case the leaders shall oppose the Hawaiian treaty, seems to have pretty thoroughly solidified the Democratic leaders against Hawaiian annexation.

Nelson Morris says he employs 10,000 men and regards his ability to conduct a business which gives so many men employment as the highest kind of philanthropy and he is about right about it and yet these are the kind of men demagogues make war upon.

The sugar trust is just renewing the importation of raw sugar which means a large increase in our revenues under the new tariff The trust in anticipation of the passage of the Dingley bill, and the higher duties on sugar, imported all the raw sugar it could These anticipatory importations are now nearly exhausted and new importations, paying higher duties, must follow

Spanish authorities seem puzzled because the emissaries they have sent out to induce the insurgents to accept autonomy have not in a single instance returned. Perhaps they have not been able to find any insurgents Spain claims that war does not exist on the island and too much should not be expected of the men sent out to buy the Cuban leaders and induce them to become traitors to their armies and the cause of freedom

President McKinley speaks in hopeful terms, in his message, of the prospects regarding reciprocity treaties with European and American countries He expresses the belief that "by a careful exercise of the powers conferred by the recent tariff act some grievances of our own and other countries, in our mutual trade relations, may be either removed or largely ameliorated and the volume of our commercial exchanges enlarged with advantage to both contracting parties"

It appears that the Spanish forces in Cuba now number only 60,000 Since February, 1895, Spain sent to Cuba a total of 90,000 men. If, out of this number, only 60 000 remain, 140,000 Spanish soldiers must have been killed died or been disabled since the war began Under such conditions the offer of autonomy seems more of a joke than a reality, and will have no more effect on the insurgents than a call for surrender. It is becoming clearer every day that eventually and perhaps very soon the United States will have to settle the matter with a strong hand and the only way to settle it is to interfere in behalf of the Cubans as Spain has shown herself powerless to hold her sovereignty over the Cubans

In August and September, contrary to the predictions of the free traders, we sold or exported to Belgium $5,940,031 more than we exported the same months in 1890 under the Wilson law, which law erect the tariff along free trade lines on the theory that in order to export more we must buy more goods from abroad During the same period our exports to France under the present law were $7,610 906 more than under the Wilson law and to all parts of the world the difference in exports under the Dingley law was $24,389 677 in favor of the protective tariff law In view of the fact that during this period we bought $15 000 000 worth of goods less than we bought under the low tariff Wilson law the free trade theory that unless we buy abroad we cannot sell abroad, like other barren theories goes glimmering into nothingness

Another free trade theory is that if we have cheap goods the people will buy more of them has been tried during the Cleveland administration and the Wilson law Many things indeed were cheaper but the people bought less of them because in making them cheaper by importing the products of cheaper labor from Europe our people lost their employment and were not able to buy goods at any price. This was the condition which confronted the Democratic party in the campaign of 1896 What did that party do about it? It did not insist upon the cheap goods theory then because that, in face of this distressing fact, would have been considered mockery, but it did this: It came to the front insisting that cheapness of labor and its products was due to the gold standard and insisted upon coining 80 cent dollars to raise prices. This bit of history should not be forgotten

President McKinley is still hopeful of definite and valuable results from the efforts in behalf of international bimetallism which were inaugurated by the Republican party immediately following his election In his message he discusses briefly the work of the commission sent abroad for that purpose expresses gratification that our great sister Republic of France was willing to join with this country in an attempt to bring about an agreement upon this subject, and closes his discussion of this question by saying that he has still reason to hope that the labors of this commission "may result in an international agreement which will bring about recognition of both gold and silver money upon such terms and with such safeguards as will secure the use of both metals upon a basis which will work no injustice to any class of our citizens."

The Cuban Attitude.

New York Tribune· There were more than a score of American citizens in Cuban jails, some of them under sentence of death Today, at the demand of this government, every one is at liberty Spain refused to consider any mediation or representations by this government looking to cessation of hostilities Now she "appreciates the friendly purposes of this government" and "admits that our country is deeply affected by the war in Cuba, and that its desires for peace are just" Those two facts indicate a success of American diplomacy in dealing with Spain quite without precedent in the long history of Cuban troubles.

Clear on Cuba.

Washington Post (Ind. Dem) President McKinley sets forth in clear language the reasons why any recognition of the belligerent rights of Cuba should not be now accorded On this point the country will, we think, agree with him, as also upon the wise and conservative policy which he outlines in according to Spain ample time to demonstrate the excellence of her reforms. Especially will his view be accepted when he asserts that if in the future a righteous peace, just alike to the Cubans and to Spain, as well as equitable to all our interests, cannot be attained, the exigency of further and other action by the United States will remain to be taken To an executive who is actuated by the judicial as well as patriotic spirit, the people can well afford to leave the settlement of a vexatious and intricate question

Talks Like a Protectionist.

Congressman Sayers, of Texas, a life long Democrat who has always supported the low tariff doctrines and measures of his party, evidently recognizes the growing protective sentiment among Democrats and especially its rapid growth in the South. In a recent statement announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of Texas, published in the Dallas News of Nov. 27, he said.

"I am earnestly of the opinion that the people should countenance and support any reasonable and proper policy that would tend to secure the construction and operation of all kinds of industrial and manufacturing establishments within the state Present conditions imperatively demand it

"In the other southern states, notably in Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina very many manufacturing enterprises have been successfully inaugurated and profitably conducted, converting the raw material into the finished product and furnishing remunerative employment to labor in many forms The policy of our people, it occurs to me, should be to export the manufactured article rather than the raw material Such a policy would open up and multiply the opportunities for our own citizens to find profitable employment, and would obviate the necessity of annually paying millions of dollars to other communities for what we must have

"However large the aggregate of our productions in point of quantity, our people can not and will not find constant and be prosperous if labor can not find constant and remunerative employment and if the money realized from the sale of such productions is altogether expended in purchasing from another community such articles of wear and use as might be profitably manufactured within our own borders In Georgia there were in 1880 employed in manufacturing establishments 24,875 persons. In 1890 the number had increased to 58 285

"The wage account ran from $5,266,122 in 1880 to over $17,000,000 in 1890, and the value of the product was increased from $36,000,000 to over $68,000,000 And notwithstanding the severe and continued financial depression since then, an increase in the number of establishments, in the wage account, and in the value of products has steadily gone on In South Carolina during the last six months the number of spindles has increased from 800,000 to 1,300 000, while many of the east have been compelled to shut down on account of the depression in such products In North Carolina there are 266 cotton mills, operating 1,016 917 spindles, 34,921 looms and 26,000 hands and consume practically the entire cotton crop of that state

"I have gathered these facts from the official sources, borrowing the language used When it is recalled that these states were the battle ground between the contending forces in the late war, and that they emerged from that great conflict in an exhausted and desolated condition their progress has been indeed wonderful Texas is greatly superior to any of the states named in extent of area, in fertility of soil, in variety of resources, and in situation, yet she lags behind them all in manufacturing pursuits In the matter of woolen mills Georgia has five, Kentucky eighteen, North Carolina thirteen, Tennessee twenty-five, and Virginia twenty four, yet Texas with largely more sheep than all combined has only one.

"The hides, horns and hoofs of all cattle slaughtered in our state as well as our cotton wool, timber, iron, clay and other natural products should be converted into articles of manufacture by our own people and within our own borders thereby enhancing the value of the raw material and creating a large and constant demand for the produce of field and garden I cannot think that there is any country where the conditions for successful manufacturing enterprises are so inviting and where they would be as profitable and beneficial to all classes of society as in Texas. When we consider the present cost of sending the raw material to other states and countries for conversion into the finished product and of returning that product to ourselves for consumption, the drain upon our resources is frightful to contemplate—to say nothing of the loss to the state in the employment of its own citizens in manufacturing pursuits and to the farmer in the price of his farm and garden products"

They Want the Goods.

The European boycott so lustily proclaimed by free traders here and abroad, on account of the Dingley tariff has not materialized, but, on the contrary, reports show that Europe is buying more of us than before the passage of the Dingley bill This is another illustration of that fallacy of free traders to the effect that if we don't buy abroad we cannot sell abroad, and which they so often resolve into painful simplicity by contending that international trade is only a matter of barter, that a nation sends to another nation a ship load of goods and brings back in exchange a ship load of goods This sounds well on the stump and in print and has many believers just the same as any other foolish doctrine has

The trade between nations on is done purely business grounds by importers No importer who fetches a ship load of goods to England, Germany or France troubles himself about what the ship that carries his produce will bring back any more than the man who ships corn by rail from Decatur to Chicago trouble himself with the problem of what the cars shall contain coming back. He don't own the cars and the importer don't own the ship. These people simply pay the freight The importer studies the demands of a country and the markets and buys goods where he can buy them the cheapest to meet those demands When England needs wheat, beef or corn the importer finds this out by his own methods and not through any arrangement with the government.

He then goes into the most favorable market and buys those products, ships them and sells them where there is a demand for them The same is true as to any demand there may be in this country for any product

The Dingley bill has not operated, therefore, to make Europe buy less of us If Europe needed anything we had to sell the importer found it out and if he could buy the supplies here and make a profit he bought them regardless of the Dingley bill The facts as stated are that Europe has bought more from us under the Dingley bill than it did during the corresponding time under the Wilson bill

It was not the Dingley bill that brought this about, but the nature of the demand abroad in connection with the ability of the importer to buy in our market to supply the demand at a a profit to him It was not due to the Wilson bill that we sold less under it except that a low tariff destroys our power of production to a very large extent

So, as before stated, these transactions show how silly is the free traders claim that unless we buy abroad we cannot sell abroad Protection never injured our chances to sell abroad. If our products are needed abroad they will be sold abroad by those who do the business of seeking markets and products to meet the demand If our products are not needed in Europe, or in case we cannot sell them as cheap as they can be bought elsewhere, it does not matter how much we may have to sell, we cannot sell it abroad The lesson is that it is wisdom to build up our own market, by diversifying our industries and thus enlarge our home market for the products of our farms and this can be done only by protecting our industries from destruction by the cheaper labor scale of production abroad, by a protective tariff

Democratic Duplicity

The Democrats in congress are determined to make the Hawaiian question and the Cuban question, party questions, which should not be done They will favor Cuban and will oppose the ratification of the treaty providing for annexing Hawaii This is strangely inconsistent on its face The annexation of Cuba which has been favored by a long line of presidents of both parties down to Grover Cleveland means a great deal to the United States The benefits that will surely, and those that would probably, follow the annexation are incalculable at this time The statistician who would be called on to assemble the benefits will live a hundred years from now It is the future history of this country that demands the annexation of Hawaii, and those who oppose annexation now will not write an valuable history for themselves to be used by coming generations On the other hand the Cuban question is one which only concerns us along the line of humanity and our belief that men have a right to fight for free government It does not involve any future benefit to the United States and in any event this country will realize little from the issues of the Cuban struggle let it be either way The Democrats in congress favor Cuba because, on account of the sentiment in favor of Cuba in this country, it means more votes for that discredited party But suppose as the result of this course the Democratic party secures more votes and is returned to power what will these votes be used for? Not for Cuba, but to secure the offices and to return the very policies that have brought upon the country the bankruptcy, the depression in business, the loss of work, hunger, starvation which the country has suffered since 1892, and from which we are now just recovering The Democratic leaders care nothing for Cuba That is not their object. What they expect to do is to use Cuba as a means of securing votes to put the party in power again and apply the disgraceful policies of the party to our own affairs which have proven as heartless to its victims upon our people as the policy Weyler was in Cuba

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Decorators Produce Attractive Pictures to Tempt Passersby and the Ladies All Agree that the Exhibits are "Just Lovely!"

As usual the first indications of that "feel in the air," which James Whitcomb Riley tells us takes possession of his sensibilities at this time of the year, is shown by the Christmas displays which are shown in the decorations of the windows of the most prominent stores about the city at about this time every year It is not sufficient that feminine vanities and masculine pocketbooks be tested by the goods which the merchants have to offer once you are inside the establishments, but the most tempting inducements are offered and suggested to the chance passerby in the richness and beauty of the window displays, and window dressing today requires the work of an artist to be handled successfully

The dry goods firms of Linn & Scruggs and Bradley Bros are as usual showing tastefully and artistically dressed windows In the large centre window to the west at Linn & Scruggs a particularly happy idea is carried out in handkerchief decoration, the work of J U Heck There is a balcony in which 15 handsomely dressed dolls are standing and supporting the greeting of Merry Christmas and the boxes on either side, in which dolls are supporting the date, December 25 1897, having dark green for a background and green electric lights The floor of the window is covered by small square mirrors representing water in which is floating a swan shallop, drawn by swans which are driven by the dolls in the shallop with lines of ribbon in pink, green, blue and yellow The general idea is carried out in green and white and the effect at night when the lights are turned on is pleasing and beautiful and well worth seeing

A window to the north of the establishment is filled with toys and has 110 feet of track with a moving train of cars, consisting of an engine, three flat cars and a caboose, also the work of Mr Heck and is the Mecca of the small boy Other windows are equally attractive

S D McKenney, at the Bradley Bros, store, has carried out an idea of an old Swedish clock with candlesbrum attachments and an electric cylinder, which regulates the turning on of the different colored lights This window is entirely in yellow and white and presents a beautiful and brilliant appearance with the myriads of colored lights in red and green The clock is made of handkerchiefs, which lend themselves so readily to decorations of this sort and is much admired and commented upon The companion window is filled with a large and handsome selection of rich furs, wraps and dress goods

The millinery windows to the north are especially attractive and artistic They are in white and show taste as to selection and fitness.

The window to the south of the Stine Clothing house is among the most attractive Christmas windows The general colors are pink, white and blue and the chief decoration is of cheesecloth There is a pipe organ of which the pipes are composed of underwear, the reed holes of buff scarfs, the keyboard of white and black ties and the frame work of puffed handkerchiefs A wax figure of a boy is presiding at the organ and the window and many handsome articles of haberdashery are shown The window to the north has a background of overcoats with a balcony in blue and pink and a stairway leading down from the balcony on which a wax figure is standing holding ribbons which lead to the different articles of clothing which are displayed The beauty of the window is heightened by a liberal use of holly and frosted and red electric lights The credit for the idea and the work belongs to Leo Heilbrun

"Cheap Charley's" windows are attractive with a general business display of gloves, fancy suspenders, ties, cravats and handkerchiefs are shown in profusion and in all colors and styles The Klondike window has attracted much comment and interest, amusing conversations being overheard every day discussing the value of the rocks and the probability of the window being broken and the nuggets stolen Mr Backrach believes they have only to come inside, however, to discover a gold mine

The double windows at the Race company clothing store display a fine line of stylish garments and ties of every description—at the old stand on Water street

Oppenheimer & Co. are showing a nicely arranged and substantial line of Christmas gifts in clothing, hats and caps, overcoats, and a fine display of fancy and warm looking underwear, which suggests defiance to any Klondike visitation of atmosphere Many other attractive and up to date windows are shown by the clothiers

The windows of the furniture establishments come in for a large share of admiration and interest and anyone in doubt as to the selection of a Christmas gift can easily find the suggestion needed by a visit to one of these stores. A window to the west of Scovill's has a miniature Ferris wheel the carriages of which are filled with dolls of all sizes, nationalities, color and distinction The floor of the window is covered with toys and at the left is a staircase on which a number of dolls are standing, evidently admiring and envying the fortunate occupants of the carriages in the Ferris wheel, a feeling which is shared by dozens of school children every day as they crowd around the window

Geo W Meyer has a magnificent display of elegant furniture in his always attractive windows The exhibit commands attention.

The art stores are displaying some exceedingly beautiful water colors by famous artists Joseph Grass has made a specialty of these, which mounted with gold corners, suggest a Christmas gift which the most fastidious would appreciate Mr. Grass is also showing the Platinum prints and other specialities in this line.

At the store of J. E Saxton the windows are filled with richly and beautifully bound books, plaster casts, busts and statues, of historical and musical subjects. There are also purses in great variety and of the finest leather, some toilet articles and a fine collection of water colors

J H Bevans has a splendid exhibition of art goods and Christmas books in his windows on Merchant street

The windows at the stores of the Stewart Co, Gushard & Co, H C Anthony, Hatch & Bro and the Maienthal Sons' are all up to date in handsome displays of stylish goods, and each attracts admiring attention.

The shoe stores are always in it, but this year each dealer has tried to outdo all former efforts in pretty effects.

At the jewelers the usual selection is shown with the addition of a number of novelties which are being worn this season Post is showing a fine line of diamonds and cut glass, Abbott some beautiful novelties in silver and cut glass and dainty gold clock sets Curtis has an especially pleasing line of novelties, among which are found the chatelains in gold, silver and gun barrel finish Also a ladie's key chain and sterling silver hair pins of his own make There is a fine collection of Wedgewood pottery. Harpstrite makes his usual rich exhibit of diamonds and watches

The druggists have eclipsed all former attempts in a display of toilet articles and accessories to the my lady's' dressing table An especially fine line of atomizers and perfumes are shown and the selection of albums and other novelties is complete

Besides a most complete line of china in Royal Worcester, Limoges, Lenox Royal Bonn and the Louisia pottery Bartholomew is showing a tempting display of cut glass, chafing dishes and aluminum and hand painted toilet sets A window filled with toys is especially attractive to the little ones

The Chicago store has made a specialty of lamps and their windows are filled with a line of lamps in which can be found everything from the most practical china up to the most exquisite specimens in pottery and gold

"Santa Claus" is a feature of the display made at Harry Snarr's candy store

Clint Brodess is up to date with his candy display and has a full line of sweets

Joseph Jefferson at Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor, Mich, Dec 15 —The largest audience that has gathered in University Hall in several seasons attended the reception given Joseph Jefferson yesterday and for an hour listened to the inimitable actor's flow of wit and wisdom

Mr Jefferson lectured upon "The Actor and His Art" and embellished his thorough exposition of histrionic art with flashes of that irresistable fun which has made him famous wherever the English language is spoken His appearance was greeted by a terrific round of applause and for the first few minutes the audience was in a continual uproar of amusement Then the venerable actor settled down to a serious talk and added much to the knowledge of those gathered to hear him At the close Mr Jefferson held an informal reception and met many of the prominent University men and women He lunched with President Hutchins, whose guest he was during his short stay, and left for Detroit this afternoon.

Gone to the Bottom

Bayou Sarah, La, Dec 15 —The steamboat Paragoud sank in the Mississippi river today just above the mouth of the Red river. The loss will be heavy

Durrant's Day.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec 15 —Durrant was today sentenced to be hanged on January 7

To forget self, even for a moment, must be happiness

MARKET REPORT.

BY B. Z TAYLOR.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15

	Opening	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing	Yes'day
Wheat—					
Dec	97⅛	98⅝	97	97⅛	97¼
May	91⅛	91¼	90⅜	91⅛	90⅞
July	83⅛	84⅝	83⅞	84⅝	82
Corn—					
Dec	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
May	28⅝	29⅛	28⅛	29⅛	28⅝
Oats—					
May	22⅝	22⅝	22	22⅛	22 22⅛
Pork—					
May	8 67½	8 75	8 62½	8 75	8 60
Lard					
May	4 60	4 65	4 60	4 65	4 57½
Ribs					
May	4 42½	4 47½	4 42½	4 47½	4 37½

May wheat Puts 99⅜; Calls 92, Curb, 91⅛

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—3 4. Estimated 230, a year ago 26
Corn—176 Estimated 190 a year ago 150
Oats—292 Estimated 285, a year ago 236.

Estimates for To-Morrow

Wheat, 410. Corn 290, Oats, 300

Hogs

Hog receipts, 28 000. Estimated 35 000
Market strong
Light $3 30@3 45, Mixed, $3 30@3 45; Heavy, $3 30@3 42, Rough, $3 20@3 25.
Estimated for to-morrow, 32,000.

Cattle

Cattle receipts 11,700. Market 10c higher.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your Grocer to day to show you a package of GRAIN O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it GRAIN O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

Like Cut $1.48

Greatest Display
—OF—
Christmas Presents
—AT—
WINGATE'S
Lamp, China, Jewelry, Toy and Department Store,
Wingate Block, 328 N. Water Street,
Where you will find the
Choicest and Largest Variety of Useful and Beautiful Gifts

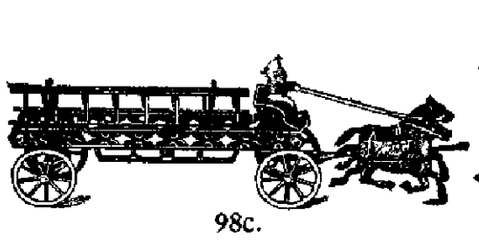
At Lower Prices than anywhere in Central Illinois We now have two large store rooms full of CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, among which we have HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS like these

$2.25 Rich Gold Hanging Library Lamp..... $1 49
$1.50 Nickel Banquet Lamp and Chimney.....95c
20c Extra Large Decorated Cup and Saucer.....10c
25c Cake and Fruit Plate.....10c
40c Cake Plate.....25c
25c Plate, Cup and Saucer.....10c
75c Toilet Case, complete with fittings.....50c
35c Berry Set, 7 pieces.....19c
75c 8-piece Water Set.....49c
25c Colored Glass Gold Decorated Vase.....15c
75c Celluloid Album, cabinet size.....50c
Coin Silver Triple-Plated Knives and Forks, Set....$1.75
Gold Rings, warranted 5 years.....25c and 50c
Silver Mugs.....25c and 50c

TOY DEPARTMENT.

Drums 10c to 85c, sold elsewhere 15c to $1 25. Engines 49c to 98c Trains 10c to $3 00. Blackboards, 5c to $1 75 40c Toy Dishes, 25c. Guns, Wagons, Banks, Games, Picture and Story Books, Rocking Horses, Horns, Magic Lanterns, Tool Chests, Boats, Animals, Pianos, Mechanical Toys, Blocks, Stoves, Kitchens, Doll Cabs, Trunks, Cradles, Beds, Tricycles—

Cheaper Than the Cheapest.



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HEADQUARTERS For Holiday Novelties.

GOODS THE LATEST---PRICES THE LOWEST.

NECKWEAR—in Ascots, 4-in-Hands, Puffs, Tecks, String Ties and Band Bows.
SUSPENDERS—In Silks and French Webs
HANDKERCHIEFS—In Silk Japs, Initials, Hemstitched, Plain and Fancy Borders
MUFFLERS—The latest, the OXFORD MUFFLER; also Mufflers in Silk and Woolen.
GLOVES—Mocas, unlined and silk lined, Dogskin, fur and wool lined, Dress Kids and Fur Gloves.
NIGHT ROBES—All Patterns.
SHIRTS—White and Fancy.
SHIRT JEWELRY—Pins, Cuff Buttons and Collar Buttons.
LINEN COLLARS AND CUFFS
We have the only correct Full Dress Protector.

OVERCOATS.

We have just received a fresh line of Men's Ulsters and Coats which will be sold at Greatly Reduced Prices.

CAPS.

Our second invoice just arrived. 25c, 50c, $1.00 and $1.25.

Come and see us; we can help you to select a present that will do your friends some good and please them, and the expense will be small.

Race Clothing M'fg Co.,

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THE STROLLER'S NOTES

The past week was not calculated to bring out the glad smile, and the population was depressed in sympathy with the weather. Farmers found the roads almost impassable while grain dealers and merchants waxed wrathful over the prospect. I found grain dealers were not altogether unanimous on prices. At Blue Mound 20 cents was the milling price in the early part of the week, while the stations on the Illinois Central paid 22 for almost any kind of corn. A better freight rate caused the difference in prices.

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There is at least one man in this county who does not propose that the city nimrod shall have everything his own way. A very large and aggressive signboard informs the devotee of the gun and game bag "that no hunting aloud," is permitted on his promises. The man who invades the prescinct so guarded must be prepared to carry on business in a minor key or suffer the consequences.

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In a neighboring town an enterprising boot black has hung out a sign offering "to shine your shoes inside in all the fashionable styles." I fear that the up to date artist is ahead of the times. The gilded youth of the present day prefers to adorn the outside, where the patent leather brilliance may be admired of men—and the dear girls.

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Some people seem to think that because a man has some kind of connection with a printing office that he must necessarily know about all that is worth knowing in this world. R N., who styles himself a schoolboy of Dalton City, wants to know something about the early history of the English navy. History informs us that a national navy in the modern acceptance of the term was unknown up to a comparatively recent date. When vessels of war were needed they were furnished by the various maritime cities of the realm. The vessels which destroyed the Spanish armada were equipped, and manned, by private enterprises. The naval conquests of Sir Thomas Drake, were made by ships fitted out by wealthy merchants and noblemen, and designed to prey on the commerce of other nations giving especial attention to the Spanish treasure ships. In these days Sir Thomas' exploits would be ranked as piracy. The first ship of war built by the state was constructed during the reign of Henry VII and styled the Royal Harry. It was a formidable vessel for those days and carried 12 guns, the largest of which would rank with the modern 99 pounder. The ship was lost in a storm before an opportunity had been found to test the mettle of its crew in battle.

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R. S., of Mt. Zion wants to know the history of the queer old statue which formerly stood in the grounds of the old capitol building at Springfield. The early history of the old monstrosity seems to be a trifle obscure. Old residents say that the ancient sample of high art was brought from the old Mormon temple at Nauvoo, and that it formed one of the supports for the baptismal font. If true the old Mormons must have been hardened characters. Several confirmed old topers of Springfield attribute their fall to repeated and continuous attempts to get at the old sculptor's meaning.

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R. O., of Blue Mound, wishes information concerning the old "state house" at Vandalia. He has also heard that a Lincoln story is in some manner interwoven with the history of the building and wishes information concerning the same. The old state house to which our correspondent refers is yet standing and in a remarkably good state of preservation. It is used by Fayette county as a court house. It has been recently painted and the visitor unacquainted with its history would not notice any thing remarkable in the small commonplace brick building. It is said by old settlers that Lincoln at one time while attending a meeting of the legislature wished to avoid a vote on some question or break a quorum. The old settler's memory was a little hazy on this point, and jumped from the north window on the second floor and made for the woods as rapidly as his long legs could carry him. This story was told me by an old resident with one foot in the grave and the other very near the verge. Furthermore he claimed to have been in town the day the acrobatic feat was performed by the martyr president. If the story is true it is a good one: if not the hoary headed old settler is responsible.

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The friends of Newbegin, sr., and they are legion, of Blue Mound, declares that he is rapidly coming to the front as a second Peter Pindar. When the corn market shows symptoms of falling 20 degrees below—Cairo, Ills., and the farmers come around to talk to him about it and tell how things are going to the bow-wows, then Newbegin comes out as a savior of the country and drives away the thick covering of gloom by relating a funny story which he has gathered and stored with others of its kind for use on such occasions. It is said that two of Mr. N.'s funny yarns will cure the worst case of low priced-corn-blues which ever existed.

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Several new buildings have been erected the past season in Moweaqua. This bustling town is taking rank as a grain market and the two dealers expect a large business this year. Moweaqua has the only political paper owned and operated by a woman in this part of the country. Mrs. Wentworth gets out the Republican each week and during the campaign fired some very hot shot into the democratic ranks. Mrs. W. was an applicant for the postoffice, but the plum fell into the hands of another party.

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A fond mother who resides at Maroa sends the Stroller a nicely written letter in which she relates some of the very funny sayings of the 3-year-old pet of her household. The lady declares that the story credited to the Mt. Zion treasure, mentioned in my last letter, is commonplace beside the droll sayings of the Maroa prodigy. We are grieved that lack of space compels us to hold the communication for our "next." And right here an awful possibility confronts the writer. If a considerable number of Macon county parents demand space to record the bright sayings of the hopefuls, the paper will be forced to enlarge, and the author of "Helen's Babies" will be hurled from the pinnacle of fame's temple by this latest addition to our literature.

LIFE IN THE SOUTH.

Entertaining Letter From Rev. Claris Yeuell, Formerly of Decatur,

The following instructive and entertaining letter comes from Rev. Claris Yeuell, formerly of Decatur, who is now conducting a Republican paper at Ft. Payne, Alabama..

Dear Republican —Thirteen weeks have gone since I left Decatur for Alabama and I am reminded of my promise to send you a letter. You will be glad to know that I have been enjoying my new environments very much and my prospects for health and happiness are first class. The climate is remarkably genial. So far I have dispensed with an overcoat. It is now December 11, and we have had but one frost and that agreeably mild. Three or four days of real bad weather is all that is usually experienced here. We had three days and nights of continuous rain, but it was warm. We missed one thing, which we did not want, viz: Illinois mud. Land is surprisingly cheap. For from two and a half to five dollars an acre improved farms can be bought. Northern people are settling here in large numbers. Fruit farms are beginning to be the raze. Cotton and corn are the staples now. This is a wonderful vegetable country. Turnips, of which we now have a bounteous supply, grow to a prodigious size. We now have fine radishes on our tables.

The main drawback to northern people coming here is the inferiority of the system of education. Three months a year is all that the state affords, the balance is left to private enterprise. Much of the learning imparted is superficial. A craze for Latin is one of the most amusing features now manifest. This is led by teachers who work for a name, rather than the real growth of the minds of the pupils. Morals are high. I have not heard any profanity since coming. A heavy fine is inflicted for swearing in the presence of women and children. Living would come mighty expensive for some of the boys who frequent public places in Decatur, if they did not mend their ways. Politically this is a Republican town and county. The Democrats, however manage to manipulate things their way and generally count out Republican officers, or if they can't count them out, refuse to let them serve on some technical pretext or other. Democracy in the south is little better than an arrogant aristocracy. Religiously, things are sluggish and stagnant as to the might, but practically, they are at least on a par with communities much more enlightened. Ignorance and goodness go hand in hand very largely, and after all, that's a better combination than intelligence and wickedness. People here are poor as to money. They are poorer than they need be. A man will own, say a hundred and sixty acres; he will clear from five to twenty-five and that is considered a finely improved farm. It would take too much "exertion" to cultivate the balance. Families are very large, anywhere from ten to thirty children surround the table. All seem healthy and happy. Doctors are not required even for the most serious occasions. They live well, mutton, turnips, and sweet potatoes, corn bread and sorghum, and coffee to wash them down, play a prominent part.

A native who owned one hundred and twenty acres, and who had in cultivation less than five, told me that "We'uns be powerful poor, but powerful peart." All through this country, if a tree falls across a road which is a frequent occurrence, people never think of moving it out. They just go round it. Then should one fall on the new road they will go round the other end of the first tree, and keep dodging the trees until a half dozen roads are made, all around. In the town here we get the very best of cord wood at $1.00 delivered. Coal comes at $2.00 a ton and coke at $1.50. We have a splendid waterworks. We pay 75 cents a month per faucet for water. House rent is nothing. If you are satisfied easily; anyway $3.00 a month is a high rent and gets a splendid house, with bath rooms and all modern improvements. This is a boom town—busted, laid out for a city of 50,-000; 1,500 is now a liberal estimate of our population. Things are looking up some, but we have not yet been struck with the wave of prosperity to hurt much, except in the minds of our newspaper editors who of course put the best side foremost. As for myself I am about to homestead some government land. All my life so far I have been laying up treasure in Heaven, or I hope I have, and I have now determined to try to lay up some on earth for myself and "Molly and the baby." Wishing you dear Republican and my many Decatur, Illinois friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Yeuell

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying "Electric Bitters," and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents a bottle at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

Conan Doyle received $35,000 for "Rodney Stone."

Our Neighbors

Harristown.

Wesley Bair is still alive, but very low.

Charley Stephens, while scooping corn got his head cut by a falling rail.

A carload of Hereford cattle was shipped from Harristown to Texas.

Fred Tandy visited relatives in Harristown last week and this week.

Mrs. G. P. Gepford visited relatives in Harristown Saturday and Sunday.

Roy Troman was in the village Friday.

W. E. Gossert visited relatives in Decatur township Saturday.

I. Mabel Russell visited relatives in Decatur Saturday and Sunday.

The auction at G. W. Waldorf's store, Saturday night, was attended by 50 or 60 people.

Casner.

E. B. Chapman was in Decatur Friday night to see Joe Jefferson.

William Weaver of north of Decatur was in this place Monday on business.

Casner was well represented in Decatur Saturday.

Mrs. W. A. Bill entertained relatives last week.

Louie Underwood is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Jolley at Cerro Gordo.

County Superintendent J. G. Keller visited schools in this vicinity Monday.

Presiding Elder J. A. F. King preached Thursday evening at the church at this place.

T. C. Buxton was in Pierson Saturday on business of a very pleasant nature, returning Saturday night as no train runs Sunday night.

Elmer Schaffer of near Cerro Gordo visited Dave Underwood over Sunday.

There will be no special Christmas entertainment at this place this year, but the children will all get a treat from the Sunday school on Sunday following Christmas.

There being no preaching here Sunday night a number of the boys went to La Place to attend preaching services there, on the section handcar.

Bearsdale.

Mrs. J. P. Campbell and daughter, Hazel, visited relatives in Warrensburg Sunday.

Mrs. A. Conover and Mrs. Anna Boland spent a few days at H. N. Lebew's last week.

Mrs. Landis is recovering from an attack of rheumatism.

Walter S. Bear of Bloomfield, Mo., is here visiting friends.

Rev Huston is conducting revival services at Fairview.

Quite a number of the farmers are attending the sale of R. N. Troutman today.

Dr. J. N. Randall was called to attend Mrs. Fannie Watkins last Sunday. She is quite sick with lung trouble.

Preparations are being made for an entertainment at Boiling Springs church about Christmas.

A. J. Conover and H. N. Lebew have gone into the Modern Woodmen. A number of others will go in soon.

Harry Bull is in the west for a few weeks. He is at Loomis, Neb., at present

Maroa.

Miss Ethel Wagner and sister, Lucy, returned to St. Louis on Friday after a two weeks' visit with the family of Will Schenck.

Mrs. T. C. Grady is visiting friends at Webster City, Iowa

Lynden Bowden was married to Miss Effie Gaddy at her home in Olney Wednesday evening, December 8, by Elder Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Bowden arrived at Maroa Saturday and will reside in the Lon Nesbitt property in the east part of town.

John Angel returned from Jacksonville Saturday, where he was called by the death of his father.

The Epworth League will give an entertainment at the church Monday evening, December 20.

A surprise was given Miss Lola Cox, of Kenney, at the home of Dr. Cox and wife on Wednesday evening.

Miss Cora Harrington returned Thursday from a three months' visit in Kansas

The ladies of the Christian church cleared $23 at their supper on Thursday evening

Marion Kerwood, who has been teaching the Pleasant View school has been compelled to give up teaching on account of poor health. Miss Lola Anderson will finish out the term.

Miss Laura Clark is visiting friends here for a few days. Miss Clark will go to Pana soon to reside with the family of E. L. Kemp.

Capt. J. M. Persinger had a cancer removed from his lower lip Thursday. The operation was performed at the Walston Sanitarium by Drs. R. L. and E. B. Walston and Dr. W. T. McLean of Maroa.

Mrs. S. M. Adams, who visited her daughter, Mrs. Frank Stend for two weeks, returned to her home at Moweaqua Friday.

Miss Margaret Stout went to Chicago Sunday to visit relatives.

Miss Pearl Stubblefield and Mrs. John Norris are in Bloomington to attend the golden wedding of Mrs. Norris' father,

Married—Cass Luckenbill and Mrs. Mettie Hamilton were married Wednesday evening at the bride's home, six and one half miles southeast of Maroa, at 7 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Newkirk. The bride is the daughter of T. B. Hamilton.

Born, To Edgar Adams and wife, December 13, a son.

Misses Cora Longstreet and Lottie Orowell, who have been very sick are reported better

W. C. Dine is confined to his home by illness.

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores.

Land for a G. A. R. Colony.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 15.—General Paul Vandervoort, at one time grand commander of the G. A. R., and one of the promoters of the G. A. R. colony in this state, writes from Deming's Bridge, Texas, that he has closed a deal with John E. and "Shanghai" Pierce, the great cattle kings, for land for a colony, and at least 1000 colonists will move in immediately after the beginning of the new year. The undertaking is fashioned after that at Fitzgerald, Ga.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Business in the Illinois Legislature—Novak's Adjournment Resolution.

NEW BILLS PRESENTED TODAY

Measure to Abolish the State Board of Equalization—Gov. Tanner's Recess Appointees Confirmed by the Senate.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—In the house Novak's amendment to the rule requiring roll call on all motions to adjourn came up as special order. The Democrats filibustered on the motion to postpone the consideration till Wednesday next, but it was carried and the motion by Novak to reconsider was tabled, 70 to 58. The motion by Selby to reconsider the vote by which the inheritance tax bill was defeated yesterday carried and the bill went over to next Wednesday. Bills were introduced taxing grain in elevators and elevator receipts, abolishing the state board of equalization and creating a state board of tax commissioners, and taxing foreign corporations. Adjourned.

Senate.

A resolution for the investigation of the police department of Chicago went over under the rules. Governor Tanner sent a list of appointments made since the regular session and the senate in executive session confirmed them. A heated debate ensued over the motion in senate committee of the whole over the bills in the revenue committee, the intimation being made that the revenue committee was delaying action. Finally the revenue committee invited the members of the senate to meet with them to consider the bills. Adjourned.

CHAN POWERS AT THE SHOOT.

Heikes Made the Highest Average, Killing 76 Out of 80 Birds.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 15.—The annual winter live bird tournament of the Limited Gun club has attracted a big attendance of shooters. Among them are Fred Gilbert, Spirit Lake, Iowa; R. O. Heikes, Dayton, Ohio; B. A. Bartlett, Buffalo, N. Y.; C. W. Budd, Des Moines, Iowa; H. H. McMurchy, Syracuse, N.Y.; E. D. Fulford, Utica, N. Y.; J. S. Fanning, San Francisco, Cal.; Arthur Dy Bray, Cincinnati, Ohio; H. C. Imes, Cincinnati, Ohio; E. C. Banford, New York; Ed Vories, Crawfordsville, Ind.

The first day's shoot was devoted to sparrows. The four regular events called for 20 birds each. In the first event Gilbert, Heikes and McMuchy tied on 19 for first money.

In the second event Heikes, Bartlett, Fanning and Powers were first, with 19.

In the third shoot McMuchy and Rike made clean scores.

The fourth event was another split, Heikes, Gilbert and McMuchy tieing on 19. Heikes made the highest average of the day, with a total of 76 out of a possible 80.

Gilbert and McMurchy for second place, with 75, and Rike and Fulford for third place, with 74.

The shoot for the Grand Central Handicap takes place today. This event is for the championship of the middle states.

Palatial Hotel for St. Louis.

St Louis, Dec 15.—St. Louis is to have a palatial new $2,000,000 hotel to be built by outside capital according to an announcement made here and it is said that Potter Palmer and several other well known Chicagoans and prominent Indianapolis hotel man will furnish the capital. As the company has been formed and the ground secured there is no doubt that the hotel, whoever its projectors are, is to be built as soon as possible. The location selected for the building is at the corner of Olive and Twelfth streets. This is just opposite the St. Louis Exposition building, which brings so many strangers to the city in the course of a year, and is but three blocks from the big Union depot on a direct line to the business district. It is nearer the city hall than any downtown hotel. This site is regarded as a most advantageous one. An option had been secured on the ground. The new hostelry is to be the most modern structure of the kind west of the Mississippi and the company hopes to close all contracts and commence construction next season

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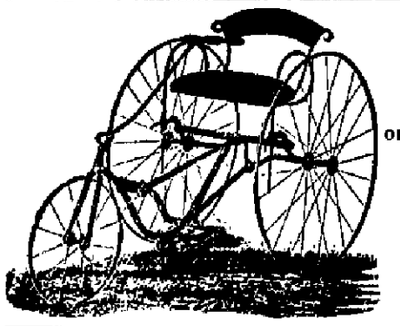

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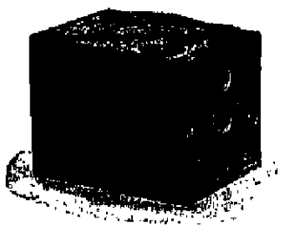

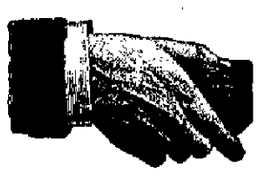

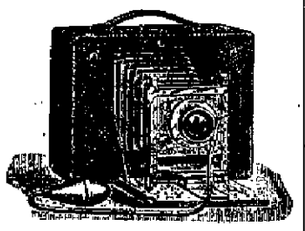

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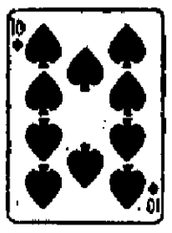

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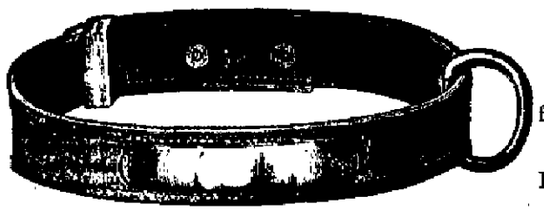

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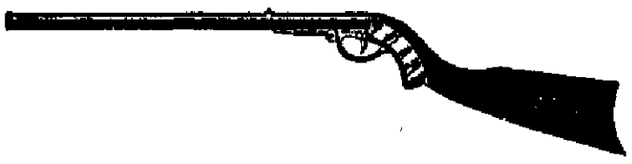

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THE GENEHAL ASSEMBLY.

Gossip on Probable Action as to the Apportionment and Revenue Measures.

Everthing was lively this week at Spring field in a preliminary way over the question of senatorial apportionment and revenue revision.

Senatorial Apportionment.

The members of the committee of sixteen from the country districts held a meeting for the purpose of discussing senatorial apportionment schemes. All the members were present except Colonel Merriam. No agreement was arrived at, and it is not likely that a plan will be decided upon for several days. The discussion was based upon senate bill No. 442, and the Merriam amendments offered at the last session. Representative Hammers and Representative Daugherty both had plans of apportionment with them, but neither of them was adopted.

Mr. Hammers wants to put Woodford, Livingston and Ford counties together. His scheme also embodies a replacing of Iroquois, Kankakee and Grundy counties in to districts. This is Speaker Curtis' district and he has not expressed his opinion of it. Knox, Stark and Marshall are placed together and Fulton and Tazewell form a district according to Mr. Hammer's plan. These are the material changes in the northern part of the state as indicated by Mr. Hammers' scheme.

All factions concede that Sangamon, Adams, LaSalle and St. Clair counties should each be placed in seperate districts.

There was considerable discussion about the disposition of Tazewell county. This county is Democratic and as Senator Stubblefield and Representative Funk do not want it attached to McLean county, it will likely be put into a district with Fulton. This does not meet the approval of the politicians over there. They would rather Fulton was put in with Knox county. Colonel Merriam, who lives in Tazewell county, does not want his bailiwick put into a district with Logan and Menard counties. The disposition of this county is causing no end of trouble.

Senator Pemberton, who lives in Coles county, objects to going into a district with Douglas and Clark counties. He has business and political relations with Cumberland county and for that reason he wants to be in a district with that county. He advocates the placing of Douglas, Coles and Cumberland in one district. This arrangement would necessitate the placing of Clark county with the Democratic counties of Jasper, Crawford and Effingham. This arrangement meets the unqualified disapproval of Representative Booth of Clark county, who strongly objects to being put into a Democratic district. He says that Clark county is from sixty to two hundred Democratic, while Cumberland is about four hundred Democratic, and he insists that it would be the proper thing to attach the latter county to Coles and Douglas.

The members of the committe are in a quandary as to what disposition to make of Christian, Montgomery and Macoupin counties, all of which are Democratic. None of their Republican neighbors are anxious to have them attached. In the event that Clark is detached from Cumberland county, Crawford, Jasper, Cumberland and Effingham will form a district.

Senator Bollinger, if the present plan goes through, is put into a Republican district consisting of the counties of Monroe, Randolph and Jackson. Representative Harry Ward has succeeded in getting the committee to place Washington, Perry, Franklin and Williamson counties in one district.

In the south end of the state the plan outlined in Merriman's amendment was to detach Massac from its present district and connect Alexander, Union, Pulaski and Johnson. Johnson county is the home of Senator Chapman and it is asserted that he wants to return to the senate when his present term of office expires. This arrangement would place Senators Chapman and Warder in the same district. Another argument advanced against this scheme is that it bunches too many of the Ohio river counties and would practically throw away a large number of votes which could be utilized elsewhere.

There is objection from the lawyers on the committee to the placing of Christian, Montgomery and Macoupin counties together, as it makes a district of over 100,000 population and it is feared that the courts would pass adversely upon it. The District would be nearly 3000 Democratic.

Democratic counties of Mason, Menard, Cass, Brown and Pike will likely be placed together, although the management is not compact. Will county will likely be put with DuPage.

The Revenue Bill.

The revenue bill introduced by Senator Dunlap and Representative Peter A. Rowe was prepared by the Citizens' committee of seventeen, under the immediate direction of John S. Miller, ex-corporation counsel of Chicago, and John P. Wilson.

The bill applies to cities of 255,000 population and upwards. It provides for the creation of two boards, one designated a board of assessors, and one a board of review. The board of assessors are to be elected by vote of the people, and in Chicago the new assessment district will be co-extensive with the city.

These assessor's terms are three years respectively. The bill provides ample time for making assessments of both real and personal property and for the correction of assessments where taxpayers believe they have just cause for complaint. The assessors shall keep their offices open all the year round. The second main feature of the bill is the creation of a board of review. This revision board is composed of the county judge, the county treasurer and the city comptroller. The county judge is the chairman of this board. The work of the review or revision board is described by its name. When ever there are any inequalities found, either upon complaint of property owners or on the motion of the board itself, such inequalities can be corrected by the board of review, to whom are given plenary powers, and from whose decision there is no appeal.

One of the important features of the bill is that which provides for the publication of both real estate and personal property lists. The county treasurer is made the collector of the revenues. The existing town boards in South, West and North Chicago remain, but their duties are confined to the levying of the park tax and some minor duties. This bill very closely parallels Governor Tanner's message, except that the governor recommends the appointment of the board of review by the county judge. It is provided, whenever there is no city comptroller, then the city treasurer shall be a member of the review board.

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It is not necessary to take a vote in Decatur on the question: "Do we want a government building?" But the Republican will put the question: "All in favor of the proposition will rise to their feet and say aye!" Grand stand-up and chorus of "Aye!" Opposed. Nobody standing and not a dissenting voice. Proposition carried by unanimous vote.

Congressman Connelly will go ahead with the bill and push it through and possibly within a few weeks the item of $100,000 for the public building at Decatur will appear in the appropriation bill.

There was a time while Captain Rowell was congressman when it appeared that Decatur would get a public building, but something went wrong and Decatur got left. Major Connelly, let us hope, will have better luck.

Forecast.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Although no formal action has been taken, a pretty general understanding has been reached by the leaders in the house of representatives as to the course of legislation in the near future. This contemplates the disposal of appropriation bills as fast as they are ready for consideration. After these the bankruptcy bill will be given the first opportunity for a hearing. This measure will be reported by Chairman Henderson of the Judiciary committee before the holiday recess, but it will not be taken up by the house until after the recess. It is understood Speaker Reed and the committee on rules will be disposed to give this bill every advantage in the way of securing early time for debate.

It is equally well understood that for the present there will be no effort to take up financial legislation on the floor of the house. This is due mainly to the fact that a strong impression prevails among members of the house that the committee on banking and currency will not be able to reconcile the many conflicting interests inside the committee.

These represent all shades of financial subjects and are as much at variance it is not expected a majority can be rallied on for any one proposition. Under such circumstances the purpose is to await the action or the deadlock in that committee.

The Ways and Means committee will do nothing at present in the way of framing financial legislation. If, however, it becomes evident that the committee on banking and currency is at a stand still, then the ways and means committee will enter the field of financial legislation and will frame a bill on broad lines calculated to meet the present financial requirements. In the meantime the subject will be kept in the background as much as possible.

DEATH AT BLUE MOUND.

Miss Irene Montgomery Dies at Her Home in That Place.

Blue Mound, Ill., Dec 10.—Miss Irene Montgomery died at her home in this city yesterday morning after an illness of several weeks with lung trouble. Miss Montgomery was twenty-two years old and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery. She was of a quiet, unassuming disposition and was one of the most popular young ladies in this county. She is survived by her father and mother, three brothers and two sisters. The funeral will be held at the residence, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and the interment will be made at Stonington cemetery.

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From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich.

James H. Wallace, the well known expert accountant and bookkeeper, of Detroit, Mich., lately had a remarkable experience, and a reporter called at his pretty home 240 Sixth Street, to interview him regarding it. He found Mrs. Wallace in the midst of house cleaning, and after the reporter stated the object of his visit Mrs. Wallace said: "You had better see Mr. Wallace at the office of C. A. Haberkorn & Co., table manufactory on Orchard Street, and he will tell you of this experience much better than I." A visit was made to the office of the above concern where Mr. Wallace was seen. "I am," said Mr. Wallace, "yet a young man, still I have suffered untold agonies and tortures. I was born with that awful hereditary disease known as scrofula, and what I suffered cannot be well described.

The first physicians that treated me said it was a constitutional blood disorder and by constant treatment and diet it might be cured. The blood purifiers and spring remedies I used only made the eruptions more aggressive and painful. In 1888 I was a fearful looking sight and was in fact repulsive. On my limbs were large ulcers which were very painful, and from which there was a continual discharge. In three years I spent over $3000 in medicine and medical services and grew worse instead of better. I tried the medical baths, and in 1893 went to Medicine Lake, Washington, but was not benefited. I then tried some proprietary medicine, but did not receive any benefit.

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"I am covered with scars from the ulcers but since that time I have not seen a single indication of the old trouble. I continued the use of the pills long after I was cured as I wanted to get my system rid of that awful disease.

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(Signed) JAMES H. WALLACE.

DETROIT, MICH., May 7, 1897.

Before me a Notary Public in and for Wayne County, Michigan, personally appeared James H. Wallace, who being duly sworn, deposed and said that he had read the foregoing statement and that the same was true.

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EVOLUTION.

BY REV. E. B. RANDLE, D. D.

The word "evolution" has become a common term in literature and public address.

It is defined by Webster to mean, the act of unrolding, or unrolling; hence, in to process of growth, development; as, the evolution of a flower from the bud, or an animal from the egg. One would get the idea from Webster that there must be an involution before there can be an evolution. But some modern scientists teach that all forms of life now existing on the globe have emanated from a common stock, which has been subjected to many changes in various ways and under different conditions, the powers causing such change being known as the "factors of organic evolution." The theory is believed to be an established law in the material and spiritual world. It has produced history and religion just as it has produced the earth. The highest forms of life have been developed from the lowest forms by gradual stages, and are marching onward to an ever enlarging perfection. Man is not a special creation, according to this theory, but an evolution from some lower creatures which originally came up from the sea-slime, and has been constantly advancing. The fall of Adam from primitive innocence is a myth, and the first chapter of Genesis are purely fabulous, and not historically true. Evolution has been invested with the authority of the multiplication table, and by is the Bible and christianity must stand or fall.

But the walls of this modern Jericho are crumbling and above and beyond the roar of their approaching fall we shall hear the soft, sweet anthem more clearly and distinctly than ever; "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." We will not accept this consensical evolution jargon of absurdities which these sceptics would have us receive in place of the sublime, intelligent and soul-inspiring record of Moses. Evolutionists have not been able to satisfy the thinking world that all living things have been evolved from a fleck of albumen. Descent, during all the ages, has been only by natural generation, and the cohabiting of the sexes of the same species, or at least, nearly kindred species. No one has given an account of witnessing a living creature in a state of transition from one species to another. The theory has not been established as truth, neither indeed can be, that a germ of life some how got into this world, and, finally, under the operation of some unknown law, made the feeblest approach to organization; and from this sprung a higher organization, and from this was developed a higher and more complex form of life; and that this process went on for untold ages until the ape was produced, capable of sitting; and that this process finally reached its highest culmination in the production of man.

After the earth had been made and arranged for his reception, "God made man in his own image and likeness, out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Either nature is the product of mind or mind is the product of nature. We cannot believe that matter is the father of spirit. The prime property of matter is inertia or the impossibility of moving. The prime property of psychical substance is the power and will to originate motion.

The prime power of spiritual substance is to guide motion. Life is not a property of matter and matter cannot impart what it does not possess. Man partakes of the nature both of God and dust. The material and spiritual worlds are both used in his construction; and hence, he is to the most wonderful creature in the universe. He is the mysterious link between mind and matter. He is the embodiment of whatever exists. He is the highest in the material and the lowest in the spiritual realm. Spirit uses matter as a man uses a tool. When the spirit enters upon its real existence, surrounded by its predetined environment and freed from cumbrous clay, it can thus play upon a harp of a thousand strings, and draw harmony out of them all at once with greater facility than the most expert musician can now manipulate a guitar.

Not only is the body of man the special creation of the Almighty, but even the matter out of which the body is constructed is also His creation. If matter has existed from all eternity, all of its properties and movements must have been eternal also. Hence it must have operated from eternity in every way in which it is possible for it to operate now. Whatever changes and forms of life matter has produced as claimed by these evolutionists, must have been produced eternally. "Therefore," as one has said, "it inevitably follows that there must have been an eternal series of man, of animals, of vegetables."

If matter is eternal it must be in the nature of things uncaused, independent, and unchangeable; and therefore, it, and not a personal God, is the creator of all forms of life on the globe. Matter could never have established the present state of things in nature. Without mind, nature with all her works could have no known existence and man would be no more than a lump of clay.

Man was not evolved by some impersonal, protoplasmic force, from the moneron, through the monkey, by way of the missing link; but was created, made by a miraculous act, o ut of the dust of the ground. It is inconceivable that inanimate, brute matter should, without the intervention of something else which is not matter, produce such a noble creature as man with endowments capable of indefinite improvement. It must require no small amount of credulity to believe that matter and the laws which govern it could evolve an intellect capable of such achievements as we witness every day. With most persons it is much easier to believe the Bible statements. "God made man in his own image." "The Lord formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Men who boast that they speak right out, are not only straight forward but usually insulting.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

We could never see why an old maid needs to get stuck on herself just because she gets married.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested 25 cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds, and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

How accommodating some men are to their wives when asked to do something they are dying to do anyway.

When a man first gets converted he won't even quote the swearing of another.

Prosperity comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Lots of men would like to get a pension, but not nearly so many want to go to war.

When we see a bicycle rider looking straight ahead, we know he is a new beginner.

A man always feels like apologizing for wasting time when hunting a sewing girl.

Without A Rival.

As a positive cure for sprains, bruises, and pains of all kinds, Salvation Oil has no equal. Mrs. Frank Juif, 518 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich., writes: "I used Salvation Oil in my family and can say it has no rival as a liniment; it certainly cures pains. I sprained my ankle and it cured me and since then I have always used it for any pains and bruises." Salvation Oil is sold for only 25 cents. No other remedy will do the work as promptly.

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A darkey's hands never get stained handling cigarettes.

For Kidney Troubles

there is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries it will agree to this. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Lost.

Many have lost confidence and hope as well as health, because they have been told their Kidney disease was incurable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy for the discouraged and disconsolate. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A man may wear extra sleeves over his shirt without doing any great amount of work.

For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingersen, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Weekly Republican.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1897.

LOCAL NEWS.

The late Dr. J F. Allen of Warrensburg had his life insured for $8000 He leaves a wife and two children.

The funeral of Miss Stella Bainter daughter of John Bainter, took place Thursday from the family home near Warrensburg. The burial was at Salem cemetery.

The case of A. C Allen vs the Crocker Elevator company, a suit brought by Allen to recover $40 06, was decided in the circuit court yesterday. The jury retired at 4 o'clock and soon after returned a verdict giving Allen the full amount he asked for. The case was on trial for a day

In the circuit court Thursday a bill for divorce was filed by W. H Black for Martha E. Feaster against William R Feaster She says that they were married on January 4, 1880, and lived together until November 25, 1895, when he wilfully deserted her. She says she had always been a good wife and did all possible to make their home pleasant. She asks for the custody of her two children, Mary, aged 14, and Charles W, aged 11 years.

All of the school teachers of Tuscola were in Decatur Friday to visit the schools and to see Rip last night Those in the party were as follows Professor Charles E Earle, superintendent; Professor Charles Ammerman, principal; Professor Fred F Jeffers, teacher of music, Misses Stella Secrest, Blanche Caraway, Jessie Ellers, Grace Reynolds, Edna Goldman, Stella Faris, Ella Niles, Dora Burton, Mame Smith, Ida Hawk, Eliza Edmonston, Mattie Beall.

IN THE NORTHWEST.

Rev. George F. Hall on His Lecturing Tour—Will be Home by Christmas

From the Daily of Saturday.

Editor Republican:—Here I am, under the "Union Jack," and feeling like a fish out of water—can't see "Old Glory" floating anywhere, and don't meet many Americans. But the change is interesting if not positively delightful. Last night I lectured to the largest and most responsive audience I have addressed thus far on this 6000 mile trip. The Princess Street M. E. church chaperoned the affair and the lecture was given in the new city hall, a splendid building about the size of our tabernacle at home The Hon. George R Maxwell, member of parliament, presided, and his introduction was courteous and happy. The English always make much over a presiding officer on such occasions, duly announcing before hand who is to perform this august duty I found it a little difficult to fit my American ideas into this conservative community, but the good people were very patient last night, listening attentively for two hours, and occasionally encouraging me with unstinted applause When I mentioned Queen Victoria, they almost lifted the roof All in all, it was an occasion long to be pleasantly remembered on my part

Vancouver is a beautiful city of, I should say 15,000. It is growing rapidly too Everything has an air of substantiability that I like. The English are a great people. The Americans have much to learn from them yet. This is one of the great out fitting points for the Klondyke. An unprecedented rush is expected this season The Canadian Pacific railroad terminates here, one of the greatest systems in the world, and really the only trans-continental line in North America Yesterday I travelled all day through the pineries of Washington The snow capped peaks of the Cascade range were in frequent view, and here and there we crossed a dashing stream, or rounded some lake, or inlet from the sea. It was a lovely ride, to use a feminine expression Washington is a promising state It is now on a boom Seattle where I spent one night, now claims 65,000 people, and is preparing for 100,000 more at no distant day The climate is very healthful along the sound The opportunities for investment are simply wonderful Today I go by the steamer "Charmer" to Victoria on the Isle of Vancouver It is a ride of five hours Then tomorrow I take the "City of Kingston" for Seattle This plan gives me part of two days on the water, and will, I'm sure, be more pleasant than traveling on the slow trains with which a new country is necessarily afflicted. I have given six addresses this week, and feel that I have earned a little Sunday voyage, especially where it is en route to my next place, which will be Pullman, Washington, where I am to appear Tuesday night in the state agricultural college Expect to be home in good season for Christmas George F. Hall.

Vancouver, B C, December 4

Only Two Men Escaped.

Brussels, Dec. 11.—A local paper which on Tuesday announced that the French expedition up the Nile was massacred near Bahrel Ghazel, says today that only two officers of the expedition escaped, one of whom was Major Marchand, in command of the expedition.

Freedman is Receiver

New York, Dec 11—Andrew Freedman has been appointed receiver of the Olympic music hall, the result of a suit against the owner, Oscar Hammerstein, by New York Life Insurance Co, to foreclose a mortgage for $900,000

Coming Attractions

Katheryn Kidder and her company will appear in "Madame Sans Gene" at the Grand Thursday night.

Murray & Mack in "Finnegan's Court ship" Friday night.

TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE,

A powder to be shaken into the shoes At this season of the year your feet feel swollen and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes try Allen's Foot-Ease It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures and prevents swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it TO-DAY. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Charter Members of the Congregational Church Celebrated Their Organization Last Night.

From the Daily of Thursday.

Last night at the First Congregational church the charter members of the organization celebrated the ninth anniversary of the founding of the church The gathering included nearly all of the charter members and a number of others connected with the church

The meeting was presided over by T L. Evans, who was one of the first members. L. Bernard read a history of the church. He told of the formation of the church and traced the different steps taken by the congregation during its existence. T. L Evans, who was the first clerk, read the list of charter members and each responded by giving a passage of scripture Mr Evans then spoke of the different members and referred to one who was dead, Mrs Diana R. Nims. C W. Battles read a paper on the organization of the Sunday school and Mrs. J H Bevans told of the organization of the Ladies Aid Society.

L Bernard read the following figures taken from the church records: Number of members joining the church since organization 888, dismissed by letter and dropped 89, adults baptised 24, married while members of the church 30, present working membership 215

Some remarks were made by different members, J H. Bevans spoke of the future outlook and said that he thought it was promising. Reuben Nims referred to the many improvements which had been made by the church Rev W. C Miller, the pastor, made a short talk when he spoke of how faithful the charter members were in their attendance at services Captain George R. Bacon said that he was not a charter member and said he wished that he had been A number of other members of the church spoke and a reply in behalf of the charter members was made by G. W. Battles.

The following are the names of the surviving charter members of the church: Luther Barnard, Mrs Mary E Barnard, Charles C. Barnard, T W. Battles, Mrs. Lucy Battles, George W. Battles, James H Bevans, Mrs Elenor L. Battles, W R Buckmaster Mrs. Alice M Buckmaster, Mrs Margaret Buckmaster, Mrs Magaret Childs, John P Drennan, Mrs Rebecca Drennan, Thomas L Evans, Mrs Anna E. Evans, Frank Evans, O. Z Green, Mrs. Clara A. Green, Mrs Alta R Irwin, James V Mitchell, Mrs. Medora Mitchell, David M. Robbins, Reuben Nims, Mrs. Emily Pratt, Abbie Pratt, Mrs June I. Hawkes, Mrs Susan M. Hawkins, Mrs. Jane Nye, Eunice Drennan.

The charter members who have moved from the city are George E Cain, Mrs Anna E. Cain, H C Frederick, Alice E Barnard, Mrs. Anna L. Schaub Colburn, Mrs Mary E Bradford Guerney

DISTRICT DEPUTY DINGES.

Acting Grand Chancellor for Knights of Pythias Lodges, Fifteenth District

Mr. J. B Dinges, of Decatur, has been appointed Deputy Grand Chancellor of the Fifteenth District of the Domain of Illinois for the Knights of Pythias. He received the appointment from Archibald G. Servoss, the Grand Chancellor-elect Mr. Dinges' office is one which requires him to look after the lodges in the district during the absence of the Grand Chancellor. Formerly there was one deputy for each lodge but he states has been redistricted and a deputy been appointed for each district The fifteenth district which Mr Dinges will represent, is composed of twenty three lodges in the counties of Macon, Shelby, Coles, Piatt, Moultrie, Logan and all in DeWitt county, except the lodge at Clinton

Well Along in Life.

The 65d anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Elizabeth Querry was clebrated in a quiet way today at the home in Argenta She is a sister of Mrs Jane L Culver of Decatur and is one of the best known residents of the northwestern portion of the county Mrs. Querry is a native of Virginia and was the oldest daughter of the late J. D Williams. She came to Macon county with her parents in 1836 and the family settled on Stevens Creek where they made their home for many years She was married on January 8, 1838, to James Querry. The ceremony took place in this city and was performed by Rev Hughes Bowles Here was the fifty-first marriage that took place in Macon county. Her husband was killed in this city on September 11, 1889, by a switch engine at the Wood street crossing. He was in the city to receive medical treatment Mr Querry had been a soldier in the Black Hawk war and was at the battle of Apple river fort, a few miles east of Galena. The battle took place on the 24th day of June, 1832 For many years Mrs. Querry has lived in the vicinity of Argenta

The Late Dr Allen

Friday afternoon the funeral of the late Dr J F Allen took place from the Methodist church at Warrensburg. The church was crowded The services were conducted by Rev William A. Dawson, assisted by Rev G. B Newkirk and Rev Mr Preston of Warrensburg Congregational church The Odd Fellows took charge of the body after the exercises at the church, and the burial was under their auspices at the Illini cemetery The Modern Woodmen and Daughters of Rebekah also attended in a body, and there was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings Though the weather was bad it was one of the most largely attended funerals in the history of the town, a great many friends being present from a distance.

Dr. Allen was 33 years old and is survived by a wife and two children His death is a severe blow to the entire community, and the bereaved parents and family have the sympathy of all.

Marriage License.

Bradberry Clark, 76, and Susie E. Bickfromd, 50 both of Illini township.

No odds how little a man does he likes to tell how he used to work.

JOSEPH ARTHUR WON

In His Suit Against I. A. Buckingham and Charles E Schroll.

DAMAGE ASSESSED AT $1936.07

Verdict in the Corn Case—Court Adjourned This Morning Until Monday Afternoon at 1:30 O'clock.

From the Daily of Saturday

The sealed verdict in the case of Joseph Arthur vs Isaac A Buckingham and Charles E Schroll, which was returned last night, was opened this morning The verdict was in favor of the plaintiff and the damages were assessed at $1936 07

The case was one where Joseph Arthur sued Messrs. Buckingham and Schroll on a note for $2,000, which was given jointly by the two attorneys when they were partners in business. When the partnership was dissolved there was an agreement that the note should be paid by Mr. Schroll Mr. Buckingham claimed that on account of this agreement he was released from the note but the plaintiff claimed that Mr Buckingham was still responsible. The fight in the case was mostly on this point The jury was out for twenty-four hours and returned a sealed verdict at 8 o'clock last night The verdict was opened this morning They allowed the $2,000 but interest which had been paid ahead and deducting this it left the amount of $1936 07. A motion was made by the defendant for a new trial

In the attachment suit of the Macon Canning Company vs S M Christison and others, a judgment was allowed for the plaintiff of $388 and costs

The following entries were placed on the docket this morning and court adjourned until Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock

Chancery Docket.

Charles S Troutman et al vs Joseph H. Troutman et al, partition Report of commissioners approved making partition and decree confirming title Proof heard and solicitor's fee fixed at $315, and guardian ad litem fee fixed at $25 and taxed as costs

John B. Maus vs. James A Patterson et al, chancery Rule on defendant extended to first day next term

Katie Faland vs. George W Faland, divorce, Decree

Guy T Conklin vs G H Conklin et al partition. Leave to withdraw note and mortgage of Kuny & Shull on leaving copy.

Common Law Docket.

Joseph Arthur vs. Isaac A. Buckingham and Charles E Schroll, Appeal Verdict of jury for plaintiff and damages assessed at $1936 07 and motion by defendant for new trial.

Thomas H Richardson vs Stephen H Swain, trespass in the case Verdict of jury not guilty

Joseph Arthur vs I A Buckingham and Charles E Schroll, assumpsit Trial by jury

Joseph Arthur vs Isaac A. Buckingham and Charles E Schroll Jury retired.

A C. Allen vs. Crocker Elevator Co. appellant. $18.95 tendered by defendant. Trial by jury.

BONE—HOWES WEDDING.

It was Celebrated Last Night at the Home of the Bride on West Prairie Avenue.

From the Daily of Thursday

The marriage of Thomas A Bone and Miss Julia A. Howes occurred last night at 7 30 o clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Asa Howes, No 453 West Prairie street. It was a quiet affair, only the immediate relatives witnessing the ceremony. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Frank N Atkin, formerly rector of St. John's Episcopal church Merwin B Howes, of Omaha, Nebraska, a brother of Miss Howes gave away the bride Frank J. Howes played the wedding march from Lohengrin

The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion, roses, carnations and potted plants being used The bride was married in a handsome traveling gown of blue cloth At the conclusion of the ceremony a wedding supper was served under the direction of the ladies of the sanctuary chapter of St. John's church

Mr and Mrs Bone left at 10 o'clock for Louisville, Ky, where they will visit friends for about ten days and will then return to Decatur to make their home They will reside at 445 West Prairie avenue The bride is well known in the city and has many friends Mr. Bone is the treasurer of the grain firm of B. S Tyler & Co and is quite widely known as one of the business men of the city.

Married.

At the home of the bride's parents near Cerro Gordo, Dec. 8, by Rev J. H Waterbury, W F Crowe and Miss Ella Grason The attendants were Miss Marie Noecker and William Crowe Nearly 175 guests were present to offer congratulations and partake of the wedding feast.

At Cerro Gordo, Dec 8, by Rev J. H Waterbury, George E Dobson and Miss Bertha Carter.

At the United Brethern parsonage by Rev M. B. Spayd, on Dec. 8, Daniel M. McKinnon and Miss Catherine M. Daube Schille, both of Edwardsville

On the Way to America.

Hon. A E. Stevenson, wife and daughter, Letitia, sailed from Naples, Italy, on December 3, direct for New York City They expect to be two weeks on the ocean, which will make the date of arrival in New York city December 17 They will visit Rev and Mrs Marvin D Hardin in Philadelphia a few days before returning to Bloomington.—Bloomington Pantagraph.

DEATH OF MRS. SCHLIPF.

Mother of Attorney A. G. Webber Passed Away in This City Yesterday

From the Daily of Friday

Mrs. Margaret C. Schlipf, an old resident of the city, died yesterday afternoon at her home 1022 North Main street, aged 78 years and 10 months. Her death was due to bronchitis and asthma and she was seriously ill for only a day or two

Mrs. Schlipf s maiden name was Margaret Winkle She was born February 27, 1819, in the hamlet of Stangenbach, Wurtenberg, Germany, and came to America in June 1863, settling near Williamsberg, Sangamon county, Illinois. In the latter part of the same year she came to Decatur where she had resided ever since She was married to Frederick C Webber in Wurtemburg, Germany, in 1850 Her children are Frederica J Webber and Attorney A G. Webber both of this city The first husband of the deceased died in Germany in 1855 and she was married to Gotlieb F Schlipf in the spring of 1861 at Stuttgart, Germany He came to America and served in the war of the Rebellion and died a number of years ago

Mrs Schlipf was a charter member of the German Lutheran church the members of which held their meetings in the old second ward school house in 1864 She was an honest Christian woman, was unassuming in her manners and lived for her family and her church She was one of the best known German women among of the people of her nationality in the city and was highly respected by her acquaintances

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from St. Paul's German Lutheran church, which Mrs Schlipf always attended services until her health failed her. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev Marcus E Wagner and the burial will be in Greenwood cemetery

DEATH OF JOHN C. KLETT

An Old Resident of the City Passed Away This Morning—Was Janitor of Edward Street Church.

From the Daily of Thursday

John C Klett, the janitor of the Edward street Christian church, died this morning at 8 30 o'clock at his home No. 516 North Mercer street, aged 71 years His death was due to paralysis and he had been confined to his bed for the past month.

John C Klett was born in Saxony, Germany, July 31, 1826 He came to this country when a boy and had lived for the past thirty five years in Decatur He was the janitor of the Edward street Christian church and had at different times of late years been the janitor of other churches He leaves four children. They are John H. Klett of this city, Mrs G A Johns of Peoria, Mrs William Wallace and Mrs W L Witzeman both of Decatur He is also survived by a wife

The time of the funeral has not yet been arranged and will be announced later

CHRISTMAS.

BY BEN WOOD

Oh, Christmas time is coming
And the day will soon be here,
It is the happiest of all
The holidays of the year

It is then we get our sleds,
Our picture books and toys,
It is the merriest time
For the little girls and boys

We will hang up our stockings
For Old Santa Claus to fill
And dream of sport we'll have
A coasting down the hill,

When Christmas bells are ringing
Our hearts are full of joys
Not only the little girls,
But all of the little boys

We will dress up our dollies
In all the nice little wraps,
With great big bows of ribbons
And the new cute little caps.

After our Christmas is over
And our candy is no more,
Then we will ask papa
To take us down to the store

Macon County Good Templars.

From the Daily of Friday

The semi annual meeting of the Macon County Lodge of Good Templars was held yesterday at the hall of Decatur lodge Uriah Copp jr, of Lodi, grand chief templar and E L Bovans, district chief, were in attendance Good reports were heard as to the work in various parts of the county Resolutions in memory of the late J R Gorin were adopted There was a model initiation conducted by Miss Emma Weigand This was the program observed last night:

Reading—Miss Cora Jacobs.

Recitation—Miss Maggie Luckenbill, Forsyth

Organ Solo—Miss Minnie Ritchie, Warrensburg

Recitation—Miss Pearl Berman, Warrensburg

Reading—Fred Wismer

Recitation—J C. Cannon

Ignored by the Grand Jury

Taylorville Democrat We understand that the grand jury ignored the effort to have Col W T Dowdall indicted for attempted outrage on the woman who recently went to his home from St Louis to become his housekeeper They succeeded however in securing indictments against him for assault and battery and for carrying concealed weapons It was a joint effort on the part of his enemies to send him to the penitentiary, but after hearing the woman's side of the story, the grand jury decided there was no effort to rape

This is a vindication of the Colonel, who never thought of such a thing

That Horse Thief.

Monticello Republican: Harry McCoy, the horse thief, has been arrested in Cleveland. From the Champaign News we learn that he will be taken to Chicago where he is wanted for the theft of 25 horses and for committing three rapes His real name is Fred Robsch. Robsch is a noted crook and the Chicago police force had tried in vain to locate him. He will be remembered as the thief who left a Clinton livery team with Geo F. Miller at Monticello and drove away and sold one of Miller's teams in Champaign, a few weeks ago.

FOOLED THE WOMEN

A Smooth Confidence Man Pretends to Represent a Decatur Firm

WHICH IS NOT IN EXISTENCE

Letters Come to Decatur Inquiring for Winter and Wilcox—Women Tell How They were Duped.

From the Daily of Friday

There is a man who is traveling about the country working a confidence game on a wholesale plan and representing himself to be of the firm of Winter & Wilcox, of Decatur Ill As a matter of fact there is no such firm in this city and the scheme which the man has been working is a fake of the worst kind His plan is to sell to women the state, county and city right to sell wares which he pretends are manufactured by his firm in Decatur He goes through all the preliminary steps of making out contracts and showing samples and then secures money for the first consignment of goods and never is heard from again

The matter was brought to light in this city when letters were written to Marshal Mason and others making inquiries in regard to the bogus firm The confidence man seems to have chosen women exclusively as his victims He has been working in Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, West Virginia and Iowa A Miss Nellie Milne of Ravenna Ohio, wrote here making inquiries in regard to the firm and when she learned that the whole thing was a fake she wrote and explained how she had been duped The confidence man visited her and gave her the right to sell and to locate agents to sell the goods he said he manufactured He gave her a regular agent s lease made out on a printed form and he carried with him samples of hat fasteners, harness cleaners, match safes, suspenders and lamp cleaners vegetables knives and other articles These he would show to the women and have her purchase an order to begin business Miss Milne writes that she gave the man $8 for a half gross of goods and then never heard from him again She also paid him $6 for the right to manufacture and sell what he called an eradicator the receipt of which shows it to be nothing more than slacked lime

Another woman who complains of having been duped is a Mrs. Mary F Schroff of Rochester, Pa She bought the state right and after paying out her money discovered that she had been fooled One woman in Ohio who took the agency and paid for a first consignment of goods, became suspicious when the goods did not arrive and wrote to Marshal Mason making inquiries about Winter & Wilcox The marshal wrote back that there was no such firm here and the woman in her reply wrote that she though she was too old to be fooled but that she guessed that she was a sucker Wilcox managed the little details of his fake so well that the women were easy victims In several instances where he sold an agency he managed to get one of the blank envelopes of the woman's husband This he would direct to himself and when he talked to a prospective agent he would show a letter from another agent which was enclosed in a business envelope which he had secured, the printed envelope helping to carry out the fake.

The scheme seems to have been working pretty well and the man has evidently been making good wages He has been at no expense excepting for blank paper and a set of cheap samples and in every case which has been reported he seems to have secured enough cash to pay him for staying in a town several days Dozens of letters have been sent to the postoffice in this city for Winters & Wilcox but of course no one has called for them although they have been advertised and they will go to the dead letter office It is not likely that the confidence man will venture near Decatur to find victims

In the County Court.

In the county court Thursday the will of the late Mrs Mary A Parker, of Maroa was admitted to probate The executor is a son, Robert B Parker without bond, to whom the testatrix leaves all the real estate and personal property

Judge Hammer had a party of colored young men before him for disorderly conduct Two had peg-legs and one was shy a hand. All were fined and sent back to to jail in default of payment The parties were Tip Carter, George Davis, Henry Williams and John Bryant.

Funeral of Mrs. Schlipf.

The funeral of Mrs Margaret Schlipf was held Saturday afternoon at 2 30 from St Paul s German Lutheran church, the rector, Rev [illegible] E Wagner officiating. The [illegible] lay in state at the residence from 1 30 until 2 o'clock. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery

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ANGEL OF DEATH.

Mother McKinley Passed Away at Two O'clock on Sunday Morning.

PRESIDENT AND FAMILY SAW THE END

The Funeral Will be Held at Canton Tuesday Afternoon—Arrangements for the Burial—There is No Business at Washington.

Canton, Ohio, Dec 13.—Mother McKinley passed away at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. It was 3:30 before the members of the McKinley family, who had been watching at the bedside of Mother McKinley, retired for the first rest for ten long days and nights. The president's wife has stood the strain better than it was thought she might. The family in their long vigils have all seemed possessed of the great strength of the mother, whose vitality at nearly 90 surpassed the expectations of the doctors, and delayed the end for ten days that was expected in a few hours. All of the aged woman's immediate relatives were present when the end came. The patient did not suffer any in her last hours, but gradually passed from the deep, painted sleep, in which she has rested almost constantly, into the sleep of death.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley will be held in the First M. E. church of this city at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Interment will follow in West Lawn cemetery, just west of the city, and Tuesday evening President McKinley and wife and officials from Washington who attend the funeral will leave for the capital, reaching there about noon Wednesday.

It was at first thought by the family that the service should be of a private nature, held at the old homestead. It was soon learned, however, through the pastor of Mrs. McKinley's church, and members of the congregation, as well as from other friends that the number of persons who desired to pay their last tribute of respect to the beloved woman by attending the obsequies could not be accommodated with such arrangements, and church services were decided upon. Rev Dr Manchester, the pastor of the church, has announced that he will extend an invitation to have the ministers of all of the churches of the city, of which there are about thirty, occupy the pulpit and participate in the services.

The Pall-Bearers.

Pall bearers have been selected from among the older members of the church and those who for years have been close neighbors of the deceased. They are: Judge William R. Day, Hon. William A. Lynch, former mayor, R. A. Cassidy, L. L. Miller, W. W. Clark, Judge L. J. McCarty, David Zollars, former Judge John F. Blake.

The First Methodist church, in which the services are to be held, is the one in which Mother McKinley worshiped during her residence in Canton, and in which she was found nearly every Sunday morning, only serious indisposition or important circumstances keeping her away. Three weeks ago Sunday she was in her pew as usual, and though she was nearly 89 years old her attendance had been regular all the while. This is also the congregation with which the president has always been associated. It was in this church that he was superintendent of the Sunday school thirty years ago, and here that he always attended services when in Canton, usually going with his mother. They last attended together last September, when the president was here during his summer vacation. The president is a member of the board of trustees of the church. At daylight, at the suggestion of some of the older members of the congregation that an old time custom, now almost obsolete, be observed to publicly announce the death, the bell in the tower of the church tolled off the number of years of Mother McKinley. Five years ago Mother McKinley's husband died on Thanksgiving day.

Home Loving Woman.

Mrs McKinley was distinctively a home loving woman, and the two story frame cottage on West Tuscarawas street in this city, where she died, and where she had lived for many years was dearer to her than any other spot on earth. There she spent her declined days with her daughter, Helen, and her grandchildren Grace and James McKinley, receiving occasional visits from her other children, seldom going out except to church, where she could be found every Sunday morning, unless prevented by illness.

While showing deep affection for her other children, she had followed the career of William with pride and solicitude. With fond, motherly admiration she watched him rise from the position of prosecuting attorney of his county by successive stages to congressman, governor, and finally to the presidency. During the memorable campaign of last year for the nomination, and afterwards for the election, Mr. McKinley was one of the most interested observers. She was always given the place of honor at the home of her illustrious son, and on the day of his nomination by the St. Louis convention she heard the news as soon as he did. It was then that William McKinley showed the deep love he bore for his mother by kissing her as soon as he had received the announcement of the result at St Louis. All through the trying campaign that followed she watched her son with deep interest. She was a frequent caller at his house, and was greeted by many of the visiting delegations of Republicans. She accompanied the president to the inauguration, riding in the special train, and remaining in Washington until Mr. and Mrs. McKinley had become settled in their new home. Then she returned to the Canton cottage, with expressions of gratitude at getting home once more. Nancy Allison McKinley came of a family which was transplanted from England to the hills of Virginia. The Allison family subsequently removed to Green county, Pa., where Abner Allison, Nancy's father, was born, and where he married Ann Campbell, of Scotch-German descent. Early in the present century Mr. and Mrs. Allison came from Pennsylvania to Columbian county, this state, traveling by pack horses. In 1809, near the present City of Lisbon, Nancy Allison was born. Her girlhood was passed on the farm, and in 1827 she married William McKinley, a young iron manufacturer. The couple lived first at Fairfield, and afterwards at Niles and Poland before moving to Canton. Nine children were born to them. They are David Allison, deceased; Anna, deceased; James, deceased; Mary, deceased; Helen Minerva, now living at Canton Sarah Elizabeth, now the wife of Mr. A. J. Duncan, of Cleveland; William, the president, Abigail Celia, deceased, and Abner, whose home is in New York.

The Funeral at Church.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 14.—The members of the cabinet and their wives, who with others, came from Washington to attend Mother McKinley's funeral, reached here this morning, and were taken in carriages to the homes of various friends of the McKinley family, and their wants cared for. They leave for Washington at eight this evening on a special train. The car bearing President and Mrs. McKinley will be a part of it.

All business houses and public offices and schools were closed during afternoon as a token of respect to the dead.

The weather is about as gloomy as it could be. Rain began to fall last night and has continued steadily ever since. Nevertheless the streets early began to fill with those who proposed to show reverence for the departed.

All morning express wagons continued to unload floral tributes brought by every train and nearly every train brought friends to attend the funeral. The First Methodist church, in which the services were held, was unable to contain more than a fraction of those who wished to be present. The rites were according to the ritual of that church. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. C. E. Manchester. It was an eloquent tribute to her motherhood, wifehood and womanhood. He quoted Solomon's description of a good woman. She was gentle, the mistress of her own house, though she suffered bereavement after bereavement. She bore all with remarkable resignation and was always cheerful, and was wont to declare her way of life had always been bright. She grew old beautifully because she walked with God.

Rev. R. P. Herbuck, of the Trinity Reformed church; Rev. Milligan, of the First Presbyterian; Rev. Dr. Hall, of Trinity Lutheran, and Rev. Dr. Macyfee, of the Methodist church of Columbus, assisted in the services and the Asteonian quartette rendered "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Lead Kindly Light," and other hymns. Then the lid of the casket was lifted and the congregation as well as many who been unable to gain admission during services took a last look at the kindly face. This ceremony ended, the family and friends entered carriages and followed by thousands, proceeded to West Lawn cemetery, where the body was laid at rest in the family lot.

Brief services at the house, at which the family and Washington guests were present, preceded that at the church. The body of the president's mother was enclosed in a copper casket. Outside of this was a cedar coffin covered with black broadcloth, the whole enclosed in a polished oak burial case.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Pupils Enrolled in 1897, 920,425—Number of School Houses, 12,683.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—The following statement has been compiled by the superintendent of public instruction from the reports made to him by the county superintendents of the state for the year ending June 30, 1897: The number of pupils enrolled in the public schools of Illinois in 1896 was 898,619; in 1897 was 920,195. Average number in attendance in 1896 was 681,515, in 1897 was 705,481. Average duration of the public schools in Illinois in 1896 and 1897 was, each year, 157.9 days, in 1896 75.8 per cent of those enrolled were in daily attendance; in 1897 76.6 per cent of those enrolled were in daily attendance. The average number of days' attendance for each pupil enrolled in 1896 was 119.7 per cent, and for 1897 120.8. The average number of months schools were in session in 1897 was 7.5, the same as in 1896.

The number of school houses in 1897 was 12,683, 200 of them having been built during the year. The number of high schools during 1897 was 283, an increase of twelve during the year; number of public schools in 1897 was 12,689, an increase of fifty-nine, number of public school teachers, 25,541, an increase of 125; number of volumes in district libraries, 329,620—2,586 books having been bought during the year. Number of private schools, 804, a decrease of 192. Number of pupils in private schools, 148,543, a decrease of 1427; number of teachers in private schools, 4015, a decrease of nineteen.

Start of the London Fire.

London, Dec. 15.—During the course of inquiry into the recent great fire in Cripple Gate district, City Solicitor Crawford said expert evidence proved that the fire started in a stack of clothing in the show room of Waller & Brown, mantle manufacturers. Brown could not escape the fact that he was the only person in the show room just prior to the outbreak, and it is only fair to state that Brown was perfectly willing to re-enter the witness box and give any further details he could of the subject.

Most women are first to detect the love they inspire.

NO TARIFF CHANGES.

It is Given Out That There Will be No Tinkering with the Dingley Bill.

PENSION CLERKS TO TAKE A WALK

Saving of $115,000 in Salaries—An Understanding Reached as to Changes in the Civil Service Law.

Washington, Dec. 14.—After the preliminary routine the house went into committee of the whole on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

Bingham, Republican, of Pennsylvania, in charge of the measure, explained the provisions in detail. He said he would offer an amendment to reduce the clerical force in pension offices by 96 clerks, involving a reduction of $115,000 in salaries.

After further consideration the house adjourned out of respect to President McKinley.

The Dingley tariff law will not be changed in any of its customs features at the present session of congress. An understanding to this effect has been reached among the Republican members of the ways and means committee, who feel it is most desirable to avoid what is generally known as tariff tinkering.

The senate, on motion of Senator Hoar, adjourned in respect to President McKinley, whose mother was buried today.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW CHANGES.

Proposed Modifications Likely to be Considered in Committee.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The outlook for changing the civil service laws is being actively canvassed among Republican members of the house, as a result of the conference held Saturday night. The members of the special committee having the matter in charge are trying to shape a bill that will command the support of a number of divergent elements. One of these is the Democratic minority, which, combined with the Republicans opposed to the present law would be strong enough to carry a bill. But in canvassing the situation it has been found that Democratic members would favor a complete repeal of the law, but would oppose anything short of a repeal.

As the Republican movement is not toward complete repeal, but rather for modification of the law, there appears to be no basis by which the anti-civil service reformers of both parties can unite. It is claimed, however, that a modification bill will receive the vote of two-thirds of the Republican members, and will have a good chance of passing the senate and receiving the president's signature.

Mr. Pearson, of North Carolina, who inaugurated the movement and is a member of the special committee, says the essential modifications of the law likely to be considered by the committee are as follows: Excluding from the operations of the law cases in which a government officer is responsible for the acts of his subordinates, as deputy collectors of revenue; examination of those already covered into the classified service without examination, so as to put them on a footing with new applicants; changes of examinations, so as to make them more practical and less theoretical; distinct provision against life tenure and for a stated term of service; affirmation of the right of heads of departments to remove, reduce or promote, in the interest of the public, a limitation of the law to specific departments, bureaus, etc., and an exclusion of those not enumerated.

CUBA IS SHIPPING TOBACCO

First Consignment for Two Years is for a Chicago Firm.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Ward Line steamship Orizaba, yesterday brought form Havana 391 bales of tobacco. While it is generally known that the belligerent state of affairs on the little island has kept the trade between the two countries in an intermittent state, yet it will surprise many to know that the shipment of Havana tobacco is the first in more than two years.

The present war broke out in the latter part of February, 1895, and the tobacco trade diminished rapidly, as the plantations were burned for the next six months, after which time all tobacco shipments from Havana ceased. The torch has been applied to the tobacco plantations of the island until it is estimated that considerably more than half of them are in ashes. As the trade with Havana lessened and dropped off the commerce with the other tobacco producing states in this part of the world increased, and in the meantime the foreign tobacco used in this country has been procured from San Domingo, Jamaica, a great deal from Mexico and some small shipments from Remedios, which is in the eastern part of Cuba.

It is understood the consignment received is for Sutter Brother, of Chicago.

BABE WEIGHS LESS THAN A POUND

Fingers No Thicker Than a Darning Needle—Native of Quincy.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 15.—Quincy boasts of having the smallest baby that has been born in the world for many years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Slusher, and weighs a trifle less than a pound without her clothing. It was found necessary to use the dresses and underwear of a doll for her raiment. Her face is not much larger around than a silver half dollar, the fingers are no thicker than a darning needle, her feet are one and a quarter inches in length and her legs are about as large as the ordinary little finger of an adult. Her body could be placed in a quart cup. She is four days old and has grown steadily since her birth, giving evidence of becoming a healthy child.

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Business in the General Assembly—Agreement as to Re-Apportionment.

Springfield, Dec 14.—The house passed the bill appropriating $60,000 for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy. The bill appropriating $1000 to defray expenses in defending the inheritance tax case, pending in United States supreme court, came up on second reading and was debated for an hour. Without reaching a vote a recess was taken until 3 p. m.

Several bills were introduced in the senate, including the primary election bill, two revenue bills and the metropolitan police bill, all of which have been published. Senator Munroe introduced a bill to amend the revenue law by exempting from taxation all property belonging to women, citizens of Illinois, as long as they were denied rights of suffrage. Adjourned.

The Re-Apportionment Bill.

Springfield, Dec. 14.—Apportionment committeemen met last evening and after heated discussion lasting until midnight agreed on the following reapportionment of the state. The bill creates the following districts outside of Cook county:

Jo Davies, Sephenson, Carroll, Republican; Boone, McHenry, Lake, Republican, Kane, Republican; Winnebago, Republican; Du Page, Will, Republican; De Kalb, Kendall, Grundy, Republican; Lee, Whiteside, Bureau, Republican; Putnam, Marshall, Starke, Knox, Republican; Woodford, Livingston, Ford, Republican; Kankakee, Iroquois, Republican; Vermilion, Edgar Republican; McLean, Tazewell, Republican; Warren, McDonald, Fulton, Republican; Rock Island, Henry, Republican; Henderson, Mercer, Republican, Champaign, Piatt, Moultrie, Republican; Douglas, Coles, Republican; Madison, Bond, Republican. Clay, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, Lawrence, Republican; Washington, Perry, Franklin, Williamson, Republican; Alexander, Union, Pulaski, Massac, Republican; Saline, Gallatin, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Republican; Morgan, Scott, Pike, Democrat; Mason, Cass, Menard, Democrat; Greenock, Macoupin, Jersey, Calhoun, Democrat; Christian, Shelby, Montgomery, Democrat; Cumberland, Jasper, Crawford, Richland, Democrat;; Effingham, Fayette, Marion, Clinton, Democrat, Jefferson, Hamilton, White, Democrat; La Salle, doubtful; Peoria, doubtful; Adams, doubtful; Logan, DeWitt, Macon, doubtful, Sangamon, doubtful; St. Clair, doubtful; Monroe, Randolph, Jackson, doubtful.

SENSATIONAL.

A Story Out That a Cuban Leader Has Committed Suicide.

GEN. GARCIA IS REPORTED DEAD

Julio Sanguily Has Not Gone Over to the Spaniards—Blanco to the Emigrants—They May Return.

Havana, Dec. 14.—Reports from Manzanillo say it is rumored there that General Calixto Garcia, the insurgent leader, has committed suicide. The report is not believed here even in official circles.

Rebels attacked the landing place at Gibara, province of Santiago de Cuba, the port of Holguin, but were repulsed, according to the official report. They also fired on Cupecillas without result.

General Pando is still directing the operations of the gunboats in the River Cauto, but he has been unable to reach the Cauto landing place, owing to an obstacle in the river.

Captain General Blanco denies positively that he has had any communication whatever with Julio Sanguily, who, it was reported, had tendered his services unconditionally to the Spanish authorities in Cuba.

Spaniards Not Informed.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Spanish legation here has absolutely no information respecting the semi-official announcement coming from Havana to the effect that General Julio Sanguily has tendered his services to the Spanish cause. It is stated that no papers or documents of any kind bearing on the matter have passed through the legation, and although the officials do not go beyond this statement, there is reason to believe that the story obtains no credence.

Blanco to Cubans.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The following advices have been received by the Spanish legation in this city from General Blanco, in Havana:

To the Spanish Minister—In addition to my cablegram of November 27, I now add that your excellency can cause consuls to issue passports for this island to all persons who, having emigrated, solicit them, without any exception, save in case of common crime. This applies to all political emigrants, both those who have emigrated voluntarily and those who consider themselves obliged to remain in exile for any purely political motive, reason, cause or not. In both cases your excellency can assure them that in this island their personal safety, their families and their estates will be guaranteed with the efficacy with which the government today protects and aids those who obey the laws.
BLANCO.

Murder in the East.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 15.—George D. Farra, a farmer, was murdered last night in his home and an unsuccessful attempt was made to fire the house. Robbery was the object. Charles Thorne, a negro employed by Farra, is missing and is suspected of having committed the crime.

Tennyson is said to have received $60,000 a year from the Macmillans during the last years of his life.

BACK AT HIS DESK.

President McKinley and Party Return from Canton to Washington for Work.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON RETURN TRIP

Man Struck by Special Train and Killed—Business in Congress—Secretary Gage's Bill Presented for Consideration.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec 15.—A special train, bearing the president and Mrs McKinley and members of the cabinet, passed through Pittsburg early this morning en route from Canton to Washington. Twenty minutes after the train left Canton last night it struck and instantly killed Louis Meinet, a laborer, who was walking on the track. The head was torn from the body. The president is much disturbed over the accident.

At Washington.

Washington, Dec 15.—President McKinley and members of the cabinet reached Washington at 11 this morning. The members of the party were driven to their homes.

The president stood the trip well, although somewhat fatigued by the strain through which he has passed, and was ready to attend to some matters of business after a short rest. It was understood to be the present intention to omit all social and official functions at the white house for 30 days after the death of the president's mother. This will cause the omission of New Year's day reception.

Congressional.

In the house the resolution for the holiday recess from December 18 to January 5 was adopted.

The house went into committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the legislative executive, judicial and executive appropriation bill.

Livingstone, Democrat, of Georgia, denounced the civil service law as a humbug and a fraud.

The house committee on banking and currency had an animated session today. It had been planned to report to the house at once a bill embodying the president's financial recommendations, but it was sharply opposed by several members.

In the senate the bill passed directing the secretary of the navy to report upon the subject of a statue in Washington City of the late Admiral Porter.

Bills were introduced granting right of way through part of Alaska for a railroad to the gold fields and one for the operation of steamboats on the Yukon river.

The president sent the senate a large list of nominations made during the recess.

Gage to Submit a Currency Bill.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary of the Treasury Gage will appear before the house committee on banking and currency on Thursday and submit in the form of a general bill his recommendations recently made to congress. The determination of Secretary Gage to submit one general financial bill instead of a number of separate financial bills brought out many expressions of satisfaction. The understanding was reached as a result of a visit to the capitol of the solicitor of the treasury, Mr. Connell, representing Mr. Gage. He talked with a number of the Republican leaders, and, it is understood, was advised by Mr. Dingley and others that it would be desirable to embrace financial subjects in one general bill.

Later the solicitor met Chairman Walker and other members of the committee on banking and currency, and a general conference was held as to what should be done. It was made known that Mr. Gage preferred to let the subject go over until after the holiday recess. The committee urged, however, that it desired to take the Gage bill, and also that submitted by the monetary conference, under consideration during the holidays, in order to be in a position to report progress when the house reconvened after the recess. It was decided, therefore, that Mr. Gage should submit and argue its merits and answer questions from the committee. It was also made clear that the secretary would cover all his proposals in one general bill, instead of cutting the subject up.

It was decided by members of the committee that the first thing to be done was to report a bill embodying the three features recommended by the president, viz.: A reduction of the tax on circulation to one-half of one per cent; the issuance of circulation up to the par value of bonds deposited, and the establishment of small banks in rural communities.

While these will be embodied in the Gage plan, yet, as they were specially advised in the president's message, it was felt to be advisable to give the house the opportunity of acting on them at once without waiting for the report on the Gage bill. For these reasons the full committee will be asked to report on the president's plan at once. The draft of a bill has been prepared by Mr. Brosius, of Pennsylvania, and this was given to the solicitor of the treasury, who is to return it in time for action by the committee with such suggestions as the treasury authorities may wish to make. As to the comprehensive Gage bill, this and the monetary conference bill will be gone over with care during the holidays and as a result of the better feeling created members of the banking and currency committee say there is no doubt further action will be reported to the house soon after the holidays.

GILLHAM MYSTERY IS CLEAR.

Fact that the Postmaster of Upper Alton Ran Away with a Woman is Established.

Alton, Ill., Dec. 15.—The plain, unvarnished truth with regard to the disappearance of Postmaster Willard L. Gillham, of Upper Alton, is out at last.

Mr. Gillham went away with a strange woman, deserting his wife and child, throwing to the winds his fair reputation and the good name of his family. It is now established that his family guessed the truth for some time, but hitherto they have persistently shielded him, and out of the deep and sympathetic regard for the mother, wife and sisters, the matter was allowed to drop here. And when finally it was learned that a woman was involved it was given out that he had left to escape this nemesis, the result of a youthful folly and would in due time send for his family.

But this is all different now. It is admitted that his departure from here was not an attempt to escape from a woman haunting his life but a deliberate plunge into deeper degradation. His wife still defends him and says she hopes he will come back and live a new life but not so his mother and sisters. The mother declares that she never wishes to see her son again, that she cannot forgive him for what he has done, and does not care what becomes of him. The woman in the case is said to be Miss Maggie Cohen, of Bloomington.

Willard Gillham is the only son of the late State Senator Daniel B. Gillham. When his father was murdered by burglars in his home seven years ago the son came here from Chicago, giving up a good practice there and assumed charge of the estate. He also went with heart and soul into the search for the criminals, and by his indefatigable efforts succeeded in running them down.

The Gillham family is one of the oldest and most highly respected in southern Illinois. When there was a postoffice vacancy four years ago in Upper Alton he got the appointment as a testimonial to the influence and service of his family, and of the esteem for him in the community. That he, occupying the position he did, should have deliberately thrown away every prospect is something that no one familiar with all the facts can understand.

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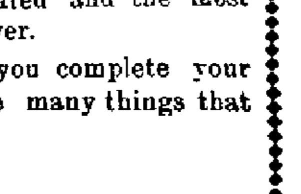

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